

POLL SHOWS B.C. WANTS QUE. IN

By DON VIFOND
Times Staff

The vast majority of people in British Columbia don't want Quebec to break away from the rest of Canada, according to the latest public opinion poll by Uvic sociologist Dan Koenig.

But if Quebec does separate, the survey shows more than half of those polled think it will lead to the virtual breakup of Canada, with other provinces following Quebec and some joining the United States.

Koenig's survey, based on 700 replies from a random sample of federal voters across the province, shows there is hardly any support for separation of B.C. from the rest of Canada. Fewer than 2 per cent favor it.

Almost 12 per cent of those answering the mailed questionnaire said they would like to see Quebec withdraw from Confederation. The rest wanted to see Quebec stay part of Canada, including 11 per cent who favor force if necessary to keep her there.

However, 37 per cent thought Quebec had a right to separate if the majority of her people wanted to, while 58 per cent did not think Quebec had such a right and 3 per cent were undecided.

If Quebec does withdraw from Confederation, 38 per cent think it would have little impact on the rest of Canada. But 57 per cent thought other provinces would also withdraw and 28 per cent thought some provinces would end up joining the U.S.

Surrey Tourist Stabbed

TLIUNA, Mexico (AP) — A tourist from Canada was stabbed and severely injured by a purse-snatcher Monday while on a guided tour of Tijuana with her husband and three children, authorities said today.

The spinal cord of Norma Mason, 37, of Surrey was severed. She was taken to Bay General Hospital in nearby Chula Vista, Calif., where she was reported paralysed from the chest down.

Her assailant escaped.

At the time of the attack, Mrs. Mason was waiting a few hundred feet south of the U.S.-Mexico border to be met by Mexican tour buses. In the group with her were her children, mother and husband, Gordon, and other tourists.

Mrs. Mason was looking at goods at a stand when the mid-afternoon attack occurred.

'DELAYED REACTION' TO AIB City Food Jumps 6.4%

By AL FORREST
Times Staff

Victoria food costs have risen a stunning 6.4 per cent this month as supermarkets have increased the price of almost everything.

Main villains were beef and coffee, but prices were also higher for tuna, peanut butter, hot chocolate, paper towels, tomato soup, corn flakes and many other items.

The Times monthly grocery

order came to \$109.85, up \$6.60 from \$103.25 for the same products in February.

Safeway spokesman Marilyn Chivers said the increases were a delayed reaction to artificially low prices in 1976.

"Costs continued to climb during the period of Anti-Inflation Board restrictions and now we are feeling the effects," she said.

The AIB controls were relaxed as of Jan. 1, removing controls from specific items

but continuing to restrain total revenue.

During the past two weeks the wholesale price for a beef carcass has soared 10 cents per pound, creating a wide range of price increases at the retail level.

For example, the Times shopping survey showed sirloin selling at \$2.39 per pound, up 20 cents from \$2.19 at the same time in February.

Other cuts of beef are also up a similar amount.

Coffee prices soared during

the month. A six-ounce jar of instant coffee now sells at \$3.89, up 70 cents from \$3.19 one month ago.

Switching to hot chocolate is no help. The squeeze by an African cocoa cartel is beginning to be felt in North America.

The two-pound tin of hot chocolate that sold for \$1.59 in February is now at \$2.19 and apparently rising.

Tuna was another shocker.

The seven-ounce tin now

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NEWS BRIEFS

93,466 Jobs Begging

OTTAWA (CP) — In the continuing Commons argument over Statistics Canada unemployment figures, Manpower Minister Bud Cullen told the Commons Monday that there are 93,466 jobs available in Canada. See story on page 32.

Grizzly Adjourned

VANCOUVER (CP) — The inquiry into the \$100 million Grizzly Valley pipeline had been adjourned to April 25 to await completion of a study of stock trading in two oil and gas companies whose reserves are to be linked by the project. See story on page 34.

Discharges Boosted

WASHINGTON (WP) — On orders of President Carter, the U.S. defence department will consider upgrading undesirable and general discharges for more than 430,000 Vietnam-era servicemen. This includes discharges given for desertion — but not from a combat zone — drug abuse and other causes. See story on page 7.

\$1,250 for Bite

CALGARY (CP) — A 17-year-old city man was fined \$1,250 after being found guilty in provincial court for biting the hand of a city policeman. Darwin Jolsgaard was ordered to pay the money to Constable C. F. Konkin for biting the policeman's right thumb during an arrest last April.

Provisions of the Criminal Code should be able to deal with most cases of pornography, Attorney-General Garde Gardom said Monday, adding he would support individual community action to deal with "borderline" cases.

Gardom said the Criminal Code is clear that pornography includes material which exploits sex, showing cruelty or violence, and offends "contemporary community standards."

The attorney-general said it is clear that such things as hard core pornography, "depraved violence and bestiality" is well outside those community standards.

Gardom was asked last week by the Vancouver Crown prosecutor's office for a clear and concise definition of what constitutes pornography so it would be easier to decide which cases to prosecute.

The attorney-general indicated Monday he does not intend to provide such a definition. But he said he will support community action aimed at controlling or screening the type of literature sold in a particular community.

Such action, he suggested, could include an agreement between magazine wholesalers and retailer not to display any "borderline" pornography where it could be seen by children.

It would be easy, he said, for local community leaders to urge wholesalers or retailers either to control or restrict the type of magazines available to children.

Gardom said the Criminal Code is the only available method of enforcement for the "depraved filth" type of pornography, but a consensus of community standards should be used for other materials.

"I mean, some individuals might consider Lawrence Welk a psychedelic experience and others don't."

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SMOKING BAN

CALGARY (CP) — City council moved Monday night to impose a smoking ban in the city's taverns, cabarets and other public buildings.

Council asked its city lawyers to draft a bylaw which will ban smoking in retail stores, hospital and patient care areas, service counters in banks and city hall, reception areas, escalators and stairwells and restaurants.

There is \$396,000 still outstanding in bad cheques from the 1975-76 insurance year, and \$180,000 left over from the corporation's first year of operation.

ICBC comptroller Gordon Adair also revealed today there is about \$4 million still uncollected from the finance plan which was offered ICBC operation.

But, he said, it is still possible that someone who issued a bad cheque for their insurance premium last year or the year before could obtain insurance this year and could

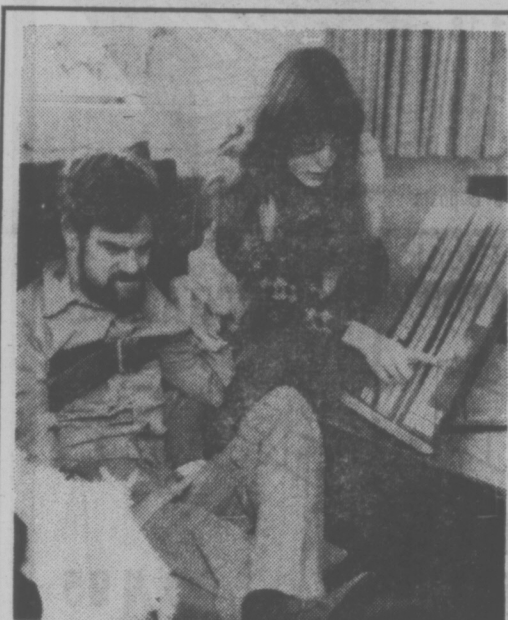
have even paid for it with another bad cheque.

Bortnick claimed the staff of the corporation has decreased by about 120 people during the past year to reflect the reduction in the number of claims processed.

ICBC ended the first six months of its 1976-77 year with a \$25 million surplus and although the final audited figures to the end of the insurance year, Feb. 28, 1977, are not yet available, it looks as though the six-month trend has held, Bortnick said.

This does not mean there will be a cash surplus, Bortnick said, because the money will be used to finance the safe driver discount program and also to establish for the first time a rate stabilization reserve so that during a year of unusually high claims, rates would not have to be increased.

A-G to Back Community On 'Borderline' Porno



COMMUNICATING through symbols, blissymbolics teacher Joan McLellan gets the lesson across to Chris.

These Students Want to Learn

By MARK HUME
Times Staff

Principal Rick Freeze sits behind an old beat-up wooden desk in the corner of the basement fiddling with three pieces of cardboard and a thumbtack, from which he plans to make a clock.

He looks up and in a glance takes in the whole of his one-room school, the eight students, half of them in wheel-chairs, the five teachers, the bare cement floor and the yellow lunch box propping open the door to let in a little spring air.

"It's not much, but it's better than nothing, and that's what this school's replacing — nothing."

It's a school for adult handicapped, and before it opened, here in the basement of St. Luke's church on Cedar Hill Cross Road, they had nowhere to turn if they wanted to pursue an education.

"They have nowhere else to go," says Freeze of his students. "This is it."

Trish, a bright young woman who may one day go on to Camosun College, looks up from her books for a moment.

"I like it here," she says. "Before, I used to stay home and was bored."

"Wouldn't she rather be out in the spring sunshine?"

No, she replies, she'd rather be learning.

"They're a most appreciative group of people," says teacher Helen Fowler. "They enjoy learning so much."

Freeze finishes his cardboard clock and gives it to Abe, a middle-aged man who's grappling with basic math.

"The school board is lost with what to do about people like these," says Freeze, "and they're lost with the school system."

He explains that some of the students are on academic courses while others are simply being taught how to communicate with another person.

Abe, for instance, is learning how to get simple sums, so that one day he'll be able to add up the change in his pocket, while across the room Valerie is struggling to make a sentence.

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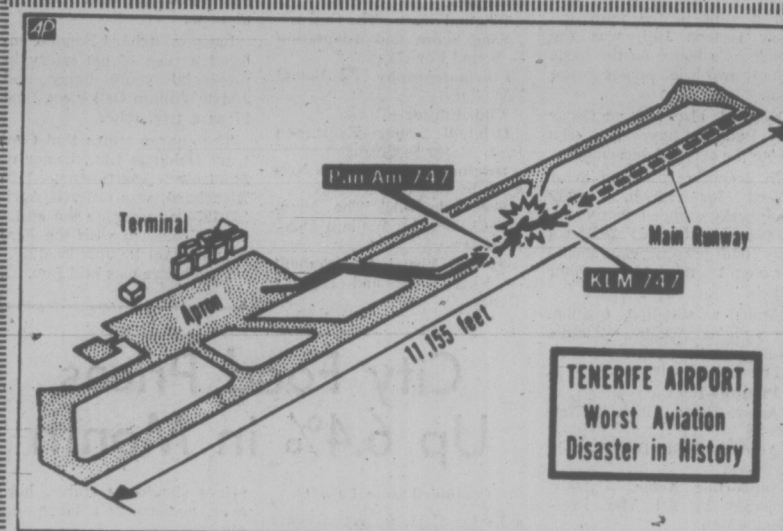
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Make cheques or money orders payable to the Handicapped Recreation Society and mail to the Victoria Times, 2621 Douglas Street, P.O. Box 300, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2N4.

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A receipt will be given if requested and accompanied by a name and address. The society has applied for a tax registration number.

Unless donors wish to be anonymous, the Times will publish a list of donations later.



COLLISION course of Pan Am and KLM 747s is shown in diagram. The KLM was taking off at the time and the Pan Am was taxiing out for takeoff.

Crash Probe Starts

Times News Services

NEW YORK — Critical unknowns, confusion and contradictions faced investigators Monday as they set out to reconstruct the events that led to the collision of two jumbo jets on a Canary Islands runway.

There seemed to be good prospects that the cause of the catastrophe would emerge from electronic recording devices, interviews with crew members and other survivors from the Pan American World Airways plane, and interrogation of traffic controllers.

The crash-resistant cockpit voice recorder from the Pan Am Boeing 747 was being flown to Washington for analysis. The airport tower tapes of radio conversations with the two crews have been impounded and are expected to be studied promptly by the investigation teams.

Air safety experts, attempting an estimate of what might have happened, tended to focus on three main issues to be resolved.

● Did the crew of the KLM jet have the tower's permission to take off?

● Was the Pan Am plane following proper instructions from controllers?

● Could there have been a misunderstanding in radio communications between the

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RESTRICTIONS STUDIED ON 'DOWNERS' IN U.S.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Dr. Peter Bourne, President Carter's special assistant on drug abuse, says the White House may propose taking all barbiturates — sedatives, known as "downers" — off the market.

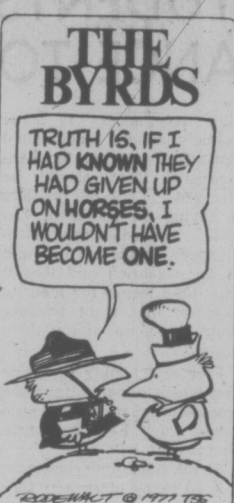
"The proposal would allow doctors to prescribe them only for persons who are hospitalized, not out-patients."

"We've decided to look at whether we really need barbiturates now that there are many other drugs on the market that are much safer," Bourne said in a UPI interview Monday.

"We're going to be doing an extensive study to look at the possibility of taking barbiturates off the market on an out-patient basis."

He said the study would go into whether there are conditions under which barbiturates are "absolutely necessary," and what the economic effect would be on manufacturers.

"More persons die from barbiturates than all other drugs put together — suicides, accidental deaths of children who get them in medicine cabinets, inadvertent overdoses," Bourne said.



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PRODUCTION STAGNANT

OTTAWA (CP) — Production in the domestic economy remained almost unchanged during January, with output of goods declining 0.3 per cent and output of services increasing by the 0.3 per cent, Statistics Canada said Monday.

Massive Tax Slash For U.K.

LONDON (CP) — The British government proposed today to cut personal income taxes by about £1.5 billion (\$2.7 billion) but pushed up taxes on cigarettes, gasoline and motor cars to offset some of the revenue loss.

Of the total income-tax cut, £1 billion (\$1.8 billion) would be conditional on British unions agreeing to continue wage restraints for another year.

Denis Healey, chancellor of the exchequer, told the House of Commons he is confident the unions would agree to his offer.

Meanwhile, the annual tax British motorists pay on their cars — known as the road tax — will be increased to £50 (\$90) from £40. The cost of a gallon of gasoline, now equivalent to more than \$1.50, will be increased by another seven cents, and the cigarette tax will go up by another 10 per cent.

But there will be no increases in taxes on beer, wine and whisky and no change in the British purchase tax which is similar to the Canadian sales tax.

Healey said he is able to propose these income tax cuts partly because he will be able to obtain extra revenue from other sources.

Healey said the British economy has recovered strongly since last fall's crisis which sent the pound plunging to a record low against other currencies.

The income tax cuts were designed to encourage unions to agree to a three-year wage restraint starting next August.

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Peter Finch Steals the Oscar Show

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A scathing satire on the television industry, a cinderella reach for the top and a Watergate detective story took most of the Oscars at the 49th Academy Awards, but Peter Finch stole the show.

Finch was posthumously honored with the best actor Oscar for his portrayal of a mad broadcaster in Network, the victim of a fatal heart attack Jan. 14 he became the first actor ever to win the award posthumously.

Faye Dunaway won the best actress award for her performance as the hard-driving Network executive who sacrificed all at a theatre party at the Capitol starting 2 p.m. Wednesday.

More than 700 early bird prizes of double passes to the event have been mailed to winners. Those who have correctly picked Rocky, Peter Finch and Faye Dunaway remain eligible for the Hollywood trip or other major awards. Contestants do not

have to be present at the drawing to win.)

Unlike last year, when One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest swept all the major categories, this year's homage by the film industry to itself lacked a big winner. Network and All the President's Men, each with four statues, won the most. Stallone's Rocky took three Oscars.

"It was a classic case of timing, man and material," Stallone said in a backstage assessment of the film that at

one time nobody wanted if he was to be part of the deal. Stallone, who wrote Rocky, concealed whatever disappointment he may have felt at losing in the best actor category.

Asked whether it was true that he wrote the film in three days, the 30-year-old actor replied: "I wrote it in two days, but I didn't want to seem like a prodigy." Snappy work for a man who'd never seen a fight until he was 29.

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THE OUTCASTS



Closure On UIC Debate

OTTAWA (CP) — The government announced plans Monday to invoke closure, used less than 30 times since Confederation, to limit debate and force second reading of a controversial bill that will tighten the qualifying standards for unemployment insurance.

After introducing a motion in the Commons to restrict debate to only five more hours, Manpower Minister Bud Cullen told reporters "a majority government should be able to get its legislation through."

"Why should we be subject to the tyranny of a minority?"

MPs from high unemployment areas, including members of the governing Liberals, have vehemently opposed a proposal to increase the qualifying period for benefits to 12 weeks.

A person now must work eight weeks out of the previous 52 to qualify for benefits.

Cullen told the Commons he will introduce a motion today to set the time allocation. The motion itself can be debated for two hours.

He said there already has been adequate debate on the bill, which has been discussed in the Commons 13 hours and five minutes on four sitting days.

Oscar Spotlight Falls On Finch, Rocky

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Jason Robards won an Oscar for his portrayal in *All The President's Men* of Ben Bradlee, the Washington Post's executive editor. It was Robards' first Oscar nomination.

Beatrice Straight, who lost husband William Holden to Faye Dunaway in *Network*, was named best supporting actress. Miss Straight, who spent years on Broadway and did a stint in the television show *Beacon Hill*, won the Academy's honor on the basis of only two brief scenes in the film.

Network also won an Oscar for Paddy Chayevsky, who wrote the original screenplay.

In accepting the best actor award for *Finch*, Paddy Chayevsky stepped to the microphone and said: "There's only one person who should accept this—Mrs. Peter Finch."

Amid a standing ovation, Finch's widow, Elsie, walked to the stage.

The list of winners:

Picture—*Rocky*.

Actor—Peter Finch in *Network*.

Actress—Faye Dunaway in *Network*.

Supporting Actor—Jason Robards in *All The President's Men*.

Supporting Actress—Beatrice Straight in *Network*.

Director—John Avildsen for *Rocky*.

Foreign Language—*Black*

And White In Color (Ivory Coast).

Live Action Short—In the Region Of Ice.

Animated Short—Leisure.

Sound Achievement—All The President's Men.

Feature Documentary—Harlan County, U.S.A.

Short Subject Documentary—Number Our Days.

Art Direction—All The President's Men.

Costume Design—Fellini's Casanova.

Original Score—The Omen.

Song Score and Adaptation—Bound For Glory.

Cinematography—Bound For Glory.

Film Editing—Rocky.

Original Song—Evergreen from A Star Is Born.

Original Screenplay—Network by Paddy Chayevsky.

Screenplay—All The President's Men by William Goldman.

Special Visual Achievement—King Kong and Logan's Run.

ALDERMAN'S COMPANY CHARGED

A company owned by Victoria Ald. Ron McKenzie has been charged with failing to upgrade an apartment building to conform with fire regulations.

Lawyer Richard Bennett entered a plea of not guilty in provincial court today and Judge William Ostler set June 27 as a trial date.

The charge states that Contract Holdings Ltd., owner of Montrose Apartments, 1120 Blanshard, was ordered April 27, 1976, to upgrade the building to conform with the Fire Marshal Act by July 30, 1976.

The charge was laid Feb. 25.

City Food Prices Up 6.4% in Month

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sell for \$1.12, up seven cents from \$1.05 in the past month.

Chilvers said there is a shortage of tuna and prices are beginning to respond to the lack of supply. Salmon

prices should be stable, however, because of a large supply.

Oil-based foods are beginning to rise, due to higher costs on the world market, Chilvers said.

Peanut butter rose two cents to 99 cents for the 16-ounce jar, the first increase in one year. However, further hikes are indicated.

Chilvers said the price of margarine and salad oil could also be expected to rise because of higher oil costs. In the Times survey, a pound of margarine was one of the few items to remain unchanged at 55 cents, the same price it was in December, but apparently due for an increase.

Paper towels are selling for \$1.21 for a package of two, up two cents in the past month. The increase is general for supermarkets in Victoria and Vancouver.

Tomato soup jumped three cents a tin to 27 cents in the past 30 days.

A ten-ounce package of corn flakes rose to 63 cents, up from 61 cents, its first increase since December.

In some cases, even bread was up. One loaf selling for 46 cents in February rose four cents to 50 cents.

The only item in the order to be down was canned peaches as supermarkets begin clearing out last fall's harvest. The price was down two cents a tin at 43 cents.

Two staple items, milk and eggs, were unchanged during the month. Some canned vegetables also had the same price.

Pot food, not included in the Times shopping basket, continues to rise at the rate of about one penny per tin per month.

THESE STUDENTS EAGER FOR CHANCE TO LEARN

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There's almost one teacher for each student, and that's the way it has to be, says Freeze, "because our students are so incredibly different from one another that to do it any other way would be asinine."

But even with the low staff-student ratio that exists, the school is relatively cheap to run, and Freeze hopes that one day soon some government group responsible for education will fund the school on the same basis of funding for non-handicapped.

"Every other person in so-

ciety has access to some publicly funded educational institution, but not the handicapped. That should be changed... one big problem is having the people of Victoria realize that handicapped people have a right to an education and that it may take longer for them to exercise that right because their handicap slows them down."

Freeze is hoping for some permanent funding to come from somewhere for his little school and he's optimistic that it will.

In the meantime, however, like so many other activities

in the city, the school is dependent on money coming from the Victoria Society for the Handicapped.

The society, in turn, exists on government grants — grants that are running out. In an effort to help the organization stay in operation the Times, together with CJVI, is trying to raise money this month.

Without it, the society won't be able to continue, and Victoria's littlest school, where the students are unusual only because they love to learn, may have to close its doors.

Trustees Hot, Bothered

Farmer Construction is taking the bugs out of Lambriek Park school.

But the problem of noise, particularly from heating fans, in the \$2 million school opened in Gordon Head last September, lies with the school board.

Trustees are mad but they don't know how to vent their anger.

At Monday's meeting, they learned that Farmer Construction is repairing the 129 minor faults and should be finished by the end of the current spring break.

However, the school's heating fans will still be rumbling all day long, and the architect, contractor and mechanical engineer all insist they have no moral or legal responsibility to enclose the fans.

Trustees were told the fans should actually have been installed in a detached building, but the architect did the best he could considering the cost restrictions placed on him.

Superintendent Allan Stables said the district's lawyer is looking into the question of legal responsibility.

the weather

Another fine spring day is in store for most of B.C. today as a ridge of high pressure builds over the province. Considerable sunshine is anticipated for most communities.

A weakening disturbance tracking across the Gulf of Alaska will spread cloud and a few showers onto the north coast later today. Wednesday will see a second weak system approaching the north coast. However, the rest of the province can look forward to generally fair weather.

ENVIRONMENT CANADA WEATHER OFFICE

10 A.M. FORECASTS

Valid Until Midnight

Wednesday

Greater Victoria: Today, sunny with cloudy periods. Wednesday, cloudy with sunny periods. Highs both days 7 to 10. Lows tonight near freezing.

North and West Vancouver Island: Today, sunny with cloudy periods. Wednesday, cloudy with sunny periods. Highs both days 7 to 10. Lows tonight near freezing.

Greater Vancouver, Lower Mainland, East Vancouver Island: Today, sunny with cloudy periods. Wednesday, cloudy with sunny periods.

Highs both days near 10. Lows tonight near freezing.

TEMPERATURES

Yesterday Max. Min. Prec. Normal

One Year Ago

Victoria 10 4 trace

Across Canada

Pr Rupert -6 -2 1.4

Pr George 5 -6 -

Terrace 6 -2 -

Port Hardy 7 -2 -

Tofino 11 1 -

Comox 10 4 -

Vancouver 10 1 -

Kamloops 20 -4 -

Cranbrook 5 -5 -

Williams L. 5 -6 -

Fort Nelson 5 -9 -

Peace River 3 -12 -

Edmonton 1 -9 -

Jasper 4 -9 -

Banff 2 -11 -

Calgary 0 -14 -

Lethbridge -2 -9 7.9

Medicine H. -2 -6 5.2

N. Battleford 0 -7 -

Saskatoon 2 -5 0.5

S. Current 2 -5 12.3

Pr Albert 3 -6 -

Moose Jaw 2 -2 6.9

Regina 4 -1 9.4

Yorkton 2 -3 3.3

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Ottawa 10 3 9.8

Montreal 14 5 5.3

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Halifax -12 1 -

Charlottetown 5 -2 -

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St. John's 4 -1 -

Whitehorse 0 -12 -

Yellowknife -10 -27 -

Churchill -12 -21 -

Inuvik -21 -32 -

United States

Seattle 12 3 -

Spokane 8 -3 -

Portland 11 1 48.3

San Francisco 13 -9 -

Los Angeles 19 12 -

Honolulu 27 21 -

Las Vegas 15 6 -

Phoenix 23 8 32.5

Chicago 18 13 30.7

New York 9 7 35.6

Miami 26 23 -

World Temperatures

Amsterdam 5, 2; Athens 19, 14;

Bangkok 33, 28; Beirut 20, 14;

Berlin 3, -3; Brussels 5, 1;

Buenos Aires 21, 14; Copenhagen 2, -4; Frankfurt 7, 0;

Geneva 4, 0; Helsinki -3, -6;

Hong Kong 24, 20; Honolulu 27, 21;

Johannesburg 24, 9; Kiev 4, 3;

Lisbon 18, 12; London 5, 1;

Madrid 14, 6; Mexico City 28, 11;

Moscow 2, 2; Oslo 2, -8;

Paris 7, 0; Rio 38, 18;

Rome 17, 12; Sao Paulo 29, 24;

22; Seoul 13, 3; Singapore 33,

Stockholm 1, -3; Taipei 24,

Tehran 24, 12; Tel Aviv 18, 11;

Tokyo 12, 5.

CITY'S WEATHER RECORD

Sunshine March 114.9 hrs.

Last March 132.5 hrs.

Normal (30 years) 138.1 hrs.

Sunshine, 1977 310.8 hrs.

Last Year 285.2 hrs.

Normal (30 years) 308.6 hrs.

Precipitation March 73.9 mm

Last March 30.9 mm

Normal (30 years) 43.5 mm

Precipitation, 1977 164.1 mm

Last Year 294.3 mm

Normal (30 years) 227.2 mm

Sunrise, Sunset Wednesday

(Pacific Standard time)

Sunrise 5:56 Sunset 18:41

(Tides listed are Pacific Standard Time)

TIDES AT VICTORIA

(Tides listed are Pacific Standard Time)

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TIDES AT SOOKE

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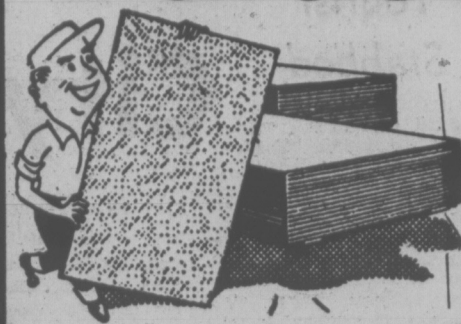
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STEWART & HUDSON BUILDING SUPPLY CENTRE

Factory Seconds

Particle Board



Ideal for a multitude of do-it-yourself projects. Small factory imperfections.

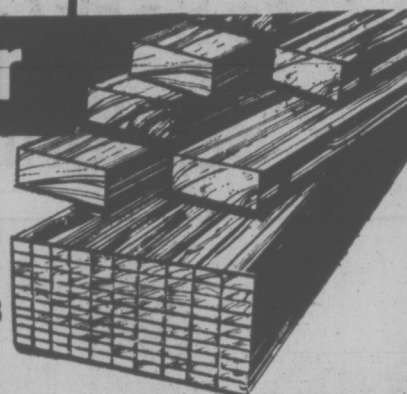
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Unfinished Exotic Plywoods

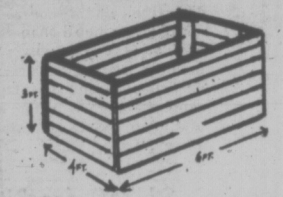
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1/4" Unfinished Rosewood 4'x8' Sheet 19⁹⁵

Utility Rough Cedar

1"x6" 6' each 58^c
1"x8" 6' each 78^c
1"x10" 6' each 98^c
1"x12" 6' each 1¹⁸
8' each 78^c
8' each 1⁰⁴
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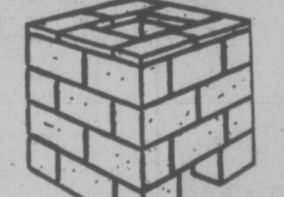


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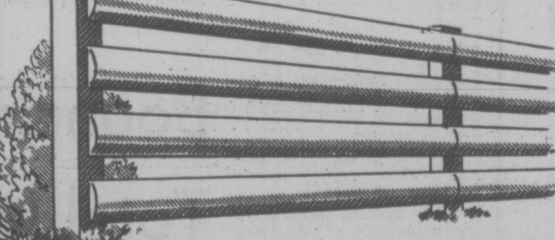
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Williams Steps In

BURNABY (CP) — Labor Minister Allan Williams has used his power under the provincial labor code to intervene in a bitter six-month dispute at Adanac Lumber Ltd. here.

Williams has instructed the provincial labor board to investigate whether the dispute should be ended by imposing a first contract.

The board has asked the company and the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union to report on the

history of bargaining and the terms in dispute.

It is believed that an attempt will be made through the board to bring about a voluntary settlement. If that is not possible, the board will then decide whether to impose a first contract.

The dispute began when the labor board granted certification to 11 truck drivers and yard employees who voted 6-5 to strike to get a contract.

Another 20 non-union employees who have continued work received notice of layoff last week from owner Don Dixon who complained the pickets have severely affected his business.

Dixon said Monday the labor board has asked him to hold off on the layoffs scheduled for Saturday but he is considering whether to ask that the union remove its picket lines at the same time.

VANCE TALKS BREAK

Times News Services

MOSCOW — The Soviet Union failed to respond to U.S. nuclear arms control proposals today as talks resumed between U.S. State Secretary Cyrus Vance and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

Vance went into the morning round prepared to discuss proposals he outlined Monday for a new Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty.

Soviet representatives asked to go over other matters instead, U.S. spokesman Hodding Carter said after the talks recessed at mid-day.

Carter would not say which subjects were discussed, but they were likely to have included arms sales and troop cuts in Central Europe.

Carter described the talks only as businesslike.

In Sweden, meanwhile, the Uppsala Seismological Institute said it recorded an underground nuclear explosion today in western Siberia registering 5.9 on the Richter scale.

The blast occurred at 4:37 a.m. (7:57 p.m. PST Monday), a spokesman said, and was recorded in Sweden six minutes later.

Pro Sports Blamed for Obesity

OTTAWA (CP) — Professional sports is probably one of the major causes of obesity, especially among girls, Conservative MP Paul Yewchuk told the Commons Monday.

One reason he cited is Canadians "habitual practice of sitting and watching professional sport on television or at a stadium while smoking heavily or consuming large quantities of high calorie junk food and alcoholic beverages."

Girls are the worst victims because "the exercise programs they are exposed to

are geared to developing a few elite athletes, especially male athletes."

Yewchuk, a medical doctor, noted that professional sport is almost exclusively the preserve of males and 78 per cent of Canadian girls may become obese before they finish high school.

His statements were a preface to questions posed to Sport Minister Iona Campagnolo who told the Commons Friday that professional sports serve as an example to people like MPs who have "spectator sport" jobs.

Campagnolo said she has not ordered any studies into the effects of professional sport on the general health of Canadians.

She invited Yewchuk to join her in "an anti-obesity campaign at some time in the future." Yewchuk is not fat.

The minister also defended her department's spending on amateur sport and recreation programs after Yewchuk said they were undermined by government spending on "elite international sport competitions and elaborate coach training schemes."

Labor Leader Tipped For Seat in Senate

Times News Services
OTTAWA — William Mahoney, national director of the United Steelworkers of America, is to be appointed by Prime Minister Trudeau to the Senate, sources said Monday.

The government has been flirting with the 59-year-old head of Canada's largest industrial union since last summer in an effort to make some conciliation with labor over the wage-and-price controls program, sources say.

Speculation about the appointment increased during the weekend when Mahoney appeared on a panel at the Liberal policy conference in Toronto with Andre Raynauld, Liberal M.L.A. for the Quebec provincial riding of Outremont, and Paul Martin, Jr., son of the high commissioner to Britain and former prominent Liberal politician.

Mahoney, who was given a standing ovation by Liberal delegates, said at the conference that labor would cooperate with the government to help solve the country's economic problems.

James Gillies (PC-Toronto-Dan Valley) asked Monday in the Commons if Mahoney would be appointed to the Senate. There was no answer from the government side.

Later Gillies said in an interview there were rumors from well-informed sources that Mahoney had been "offered and accepted" a Senate seat.

Neither Mahoney nor the Prime Minister's office would confirm an appointment.

Sources said Mahoney would take the Senate post

after June 1, when he retired from the union.

Currently, the only representative from organized labor in the 102-seat Senate is Ed Lawson of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

The Canadian Labor Congress and a Vancouver MP, meanwhile, teamed up Monday to condemn federal Labor Minister John Munro for indicating in a weekend TV interview that labor will restrain wage demands when Ottawa lifts anti-inflation controls.

"Once again Munro has shot his face off and is not speaking for the government," said John Fraser (PC-Vancouver South). "The impression he is giving is misleading and certainly premature."

The 2.3-million-member CLC attacked "irresponsible innuendo" and said neither labor nor business leaders — in talks with the government last week — had "made any promises or commitments regarding voluntary restraints in exchange for the lifting of controls."

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FRENCH PM TO STAY

PARIS (Reuter) — Premier Raymond Barre, reinstated after resigning, said today he will announce a new cabinet Wednesday.

He will attempt to unite government forces in the face of a growing left-wing challenge.

Barre resigned with his government Monday but President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing told the country he asked the premier to head a new streamlined cabinet and lead the government coalition into a general election next year.

In a television address, the president indicated that several top ministers will lose their jobs in a cabinet that will be pruned to 15 ministers from 18 and freed from party politics.

capital scene

Capital Region Tenants' Association general meeting Wednesday, March 30, 7:30 p.m., Dominion Hotel.

Guild of Health Thursday, March 31, 1:30 p.m., St. John's Church chapel.

Wally Rawcliffe will speak about making the most of retirement to the Fairfield Activity Centre (New Horizons) Thursday, March 31, 2 p.m., 1307 Fairfield Rd.

World Development Education supper meeting Thursday, March 31, 5 p.m., 2928 Eastdowne Rd.

Progressive Conservative Women's Association will hold a bake sale Friday, April 1, 9:30 a.m., at the Oak Bay Shoppey.

Canadian National Railway Pensioners Association meeting and ladies day Friday, April 1, 2 p.m., 941 Pandora Ave.

St. Saviour's Ladies' Guild is sponsoring afternoon tea and a slide show 2 p.m. Saturday, in the church hall on Henry Street. The slides, by Jack Bottomley, are of the western United States.

The Oak Bay NDP will hold a garage sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, at 584 Victoria Avenue.

Phyllis Webb will read from her work in a presentation sponsored by the dept. of creative writing at UVic, Wednesday, March 30, 4:30 p.m., Elliott 167, UVic.

Left Holding the Bag

Premier Bill Bennett's weekend comments in Vancouver that his administration will be prepared if the federal government removes wage and price controls underlines the indifference Ottawa is showing to the provinces and the people of Canada in its tripartite consultations. The premier is correct in saying unreasonable demands and prices could bring chaos to B.C.'s economy. Yet no one appears to be asking B.C., or any of the other provinces, how it feels about the issue. Business, labor and the federal government simply agreed on an indeterminate end to controls during their secret meetings. The provinces will presumably be asked to ratify the decision at the next premiers' conference.

A close look at the home front backs the premier's contentions. Prices have continued to rise in B.C. unmitigated by the AIB controls. The government's own tax increases, coupled with large public utility increases, not to mention food price hikes, have put the consumer on the ropes. Approximately 300,000 resentful wage earners will go to the bargaining table in B.C. this year. A wagging finger of restraint from Canadian Labor Congress President Joe Morris — one of the protagonists of Canada's new tripartite group — will most likely be ignored.

If the Bennett administration is forced to step in with its own controls — a course that may be dictated by the gutless regime in Ottawa — there

is no guarantee that organized labor in this province will respect provincial controls. Labor will point to lack of controls in other jurisdictions and ask why it should be singled out here. If Ottawa thinks its time to end controls, then how can the Socreds justify keeping them, or so goes the logic. Thus the Bennett administration will be put into the unenviable position of being the fall guy for the Trudeau administration. Given the fact that the provincial government aided and abetted inflation with its tax increases, local controls might cause as much chaos as the lack of any controls whatsoever. It is also true that the Socreds backed away from any provincial price freeze last year.

The point remains, however, that a callous federal regime has obviously thought little about the ramifications of its decision in other jurisdictions. Bill Bennett and his other provincial colleagues will just have to cope as best they can.

If this is a taste of how the country's economic decisions will be made in the future it is difficult to see how Canada can ever achieve co-operative national unity. Federal Labor Minister John Munro says a tripartite consultative mechanism is a responsive and democratic approach to solving the nation's economic problems. It is to be hoped he will visit B.C. during the long hot summer that almost seems inevitable following these consultations.

Two short years ago Ottawa found

that voluntary restraint wasn't working, and a control program was implemented. Apparently human nature has changed in the ensuing period and now labor has a real desire to exercise restraint, according to Munro. Perhaps. But what about the corporate sector? If it exercises the same restraint we have seen during the control period, and labor increases the ante too, the country will be back in double digit inflation. It is difficult not to take these pronouncements with a grain of salt, especially from an administration that told us inflation was licked and then promptly instituted controls.

With the benefit of hindsight it is easy to see that the controls haven't accomplished much besides creating record unemployment and frightening capital investment. If inflation moderated in the last 18 months it was largely because of the U.S. economic recovery and a temporary drop in food prices. But to unceremoniously rip off this one restraint invites disaster. No provincial regime can institute its own controls without grave consequences. Pandering to its business and labor allies, the Trudeau administration ignores the consequences of its action across the country. If it is the will of parliament and the provinces that the controls come off, then so be it. But they should come off slowly, predicated on definite dates, and not because a few panjandrums decide in secret that its time to get back on the greed express.

GEORGE OAKE

Alberta's Homogenized Politics

EDMONTON — Listening to the Alberta legislature produces the same effect as a large dose of Seconal.

A British Columbia political observer is initially incredulous. Premier Lougheed's Tories announce a loan scheme for private developers to build senior citizen apartments. Then the leader of the Socred opposition rises to congratulate the government on this wise move.

Following this flurry of activity the toughest questions for the government come from its own backbench.

"Is the government informing American tourists of our new school bus traffic rules?"

"In view of the large amounts of money and time spent on prison rehabilitation is it really worthwhile?"

The provincial solicitor general rises to the bait on this one, agreeing that "the system should come out of the dream world," and that the purpose of prison "is to underline the rules over and over again."

Forty-five minutes of this and one begins to miss Don Phillips and Graham Lea.

At the end of question period gaggles of yawning school children stumble towards the exits, anesthetized by the democratic process. If there are any lobbyists in Alberta they don't attend debates, a tacit reminder that the business of government in Alberta is business.

Even New Democratic Party leader Grant Nottley stands four square behind the government on the ownership of Alberta's natural resources. That is an article of faith, a line over which no one steps at the fear of a quick lynching.

Different Strains

Yet the province's political traditions are not as facile as distant observers would like to make out. While B.C.'s political history is predicated on a few large companies and hordes of workers, setting up the classic polarization which now paralyzes this province, Alberta was largely settled by independent farmers and, later, by industrious immigrants.

A fierce individualism coupled with radical populism produced the United Farmers of Alberta which governed the province in the 1920s. Looking at the static oil portraits in the legislature one sees a brass plate stating that Mrs. Louise Crummy McKinney was the first woman to be elected to a legislature of the British Commonwealth in 1917. Two other women quickly followed her into the debating chamber between 1917 and 1921.

"In the west we've always had different strains of populism," says Nottley. "There was and still is a rather significant legacy of progressive thinking in the province, even though this has never been manifested politically because of Social Credit being there."

Yet it was Alberta's first Social Credit premier, "Bible Bill" Aberhart, who proposed a number of radical reforms, including nationalization of banks in the province. His successor, Ernest Manning, was characterized as a man of the right, although he left a legacy of parks, public works, and social services that would be the envy of any socialist.

Had B.C.'s New Democrats contemplated even half the intrusions into the private sector's realm accomplished by

Alberta's Socreds and Tories, it probably never would have been elected — an assumption that underlines fundamental differences between the two provinces.

In 1947 a new force erupted. Led by Number One blew in and the people blew out of the small towns, heading for Edmonton and Calgary. Both cities more than doubled their populations in 15 years. An influx of immigrants and new local wealth changed social attitudes, resulting in cocktail lounges during the mid 1950s and an end to sexually segregated beer parlors. Government money flowed into education and cultural projects, a process that ultimately helped defeat the old quasi-religious, blue-stocking Social Credit party.

Following the retirement of Manning the writing was on the wall for the Socreds.

"The party has been in office for 37 years, Mr. Manning being the premier for most of that time until he stepped down in 1968. Strom (Harry Strom, a southern Alberta rancher) took on the job in 1968, and he wasn't really able to project



GRANT NOTTLEY
...lonely NDP leader

himself as well as Mr. Manning... but whoever took on the job had some big boots to fill. I think anyone would have been somewhat wanting," says Socred Leader Bob Clark, education minister in the Strom administration.

Nottley puts it another way: "The big thing about Alberta politics is the legacy handed down from Social Credit. They had a weird notion of what democracy was all about. Every four years they would hold a plebiscite, and you registered a yes or no vote... and then you sat down and shut up, letting them run the thing. And what Lougheed has done, consciously or unconsciously, is to fall into that same mold."

Lougheed, surprisingly enough, almost echoes the NDP explanation.

"It's something that Premier Manning worked on very well... and we've tried to do the same thing."

"We've worked very hard in following through... on consensus politics, not polarization politics... we have to be strong internally, if we are going to take the strong positions we have taken in Canada from an economic point of view and a political point of view. The only way

Alberta can be influential on the national scene and get a fair deal in Confederation... is if we use our economic resources as leverage, and if we're able to speak with real feeling that we've got Albertans behind us."

Lougheed's stunning victory in 1971 left the Socreds with a tattered corporal's guard. After more than 40 years of inventing its own political parties, a wealthy, confident province moved back to the establishment, reflecting the new industrial state.

Yet structural weaknesses exist in the Tory game plan. Development is concentrated on a thin 180-mile strip along the Edmonton-Calgary access. Despite a much publicized provincial decentralization program most of the movement has been along the strip or to proliferating "acreages" — the new middle class passion — around Edmonton and Calgary.

In addition, among Lougheed's cabinet the movers and shakers are almost all corporate lawyers and other professionals from the two largest cities. Rural Albertans have an intuition of being left behind, and in a province where a little dung on the cowboy boots is a sign of class, the three-piece suits of the Tory corporation are viewed with increasing distrust.

After decades when environmentalists were tantamount to "no growth commies" they are finally gaining respectability. Under a new act the government can issue a certificate of variance to polluting industries, allowing them to circumvent fairly tough environmental legislation.

United Front

Small businessmen and Alberta's legions of entrepreneurs grumble increasingly about the Tories' involvement with big business. They see their own initiatives ignored or downgraded as the Lougheed regime concentrates its attention on Syncrude, and other massive projects. In 1976 the Alberta Opportunity Company lent \$6 million to small business and \$200 million to its Syncrude partners at preferred rates. The muttering around the chamber of commerce rose a few decibels.

In sum, though, Lougheed has little to worry about at the polls. The Socreds say if an election were held tomorrow they would get 15 seats. At their last convention the NDP spoke hopefully of six.

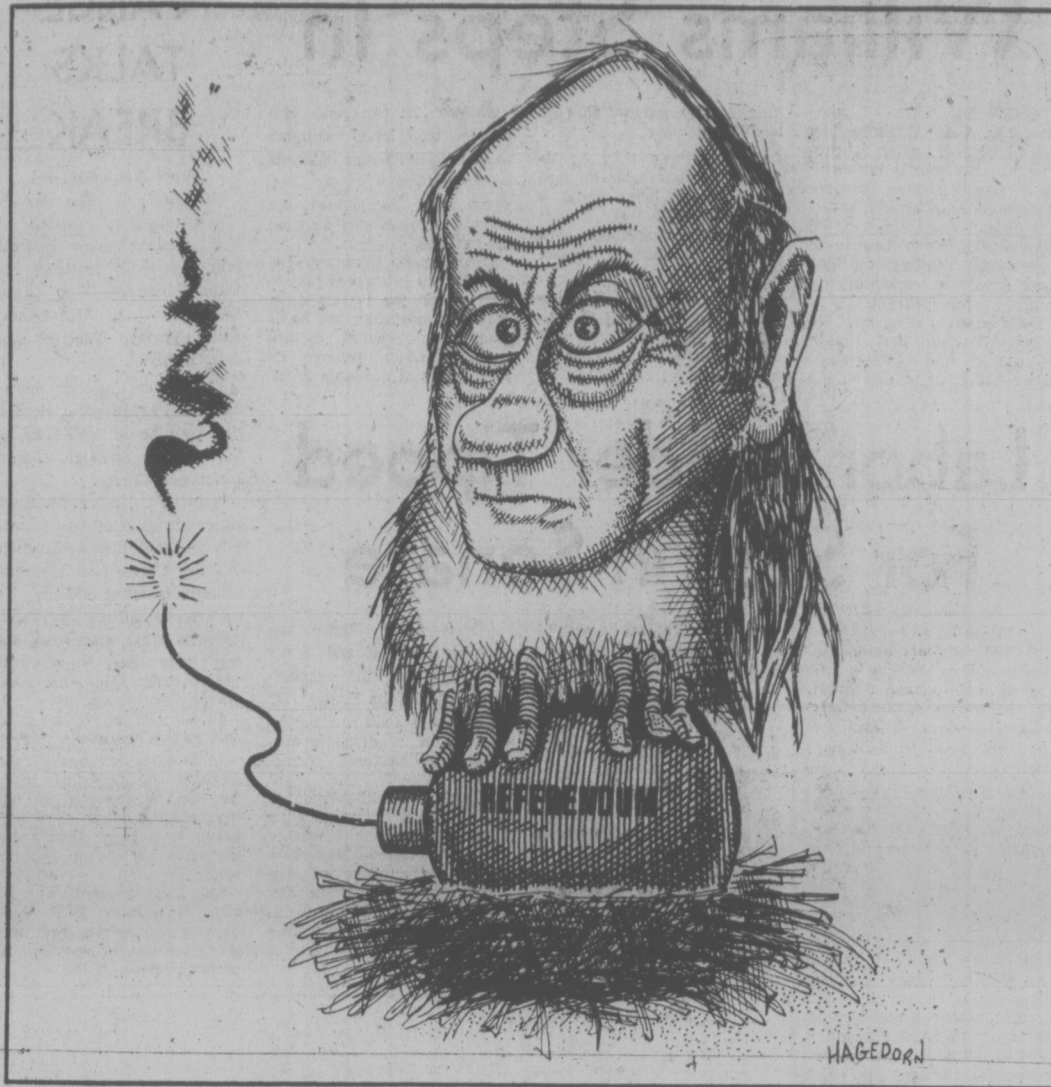
As long as the revenues pour in the corporation that is Alberta's government can continue on its imperial course. The people here are not politicized like British Columbians. Most only want to be left alone to make a dollar, like the successful chartered accountant.

He voted NDP in the last provincial election, not because he's a socialist, but as a protest against the Tories' environmental policies. He's in a hurry to get home to the acreage this evening since his wife is away. It's not a matter of feeding the children, the Jamaican housekeeper will look after that. He is worried about the horses which haven't been fed or watered all day.

An animal that can take you back in high country is more important than a bunch of "turkeys in government," he says, polishing off the dregs of his Chivas Regal.

Riding high, these Albertans enjoy so many luxuries other Canadians have all but forgotten.

(Last of a Series.)



letters

Advice For Bennett

Mr. Bennett, I believe it would be wise to listen a little more to your Mr. Roberts and a little less to Jack Davis. In fact, you should have stepped on Davis last year when he put the ferry fares up. That was when he killed the tourist business and the economy of this wonderful island. After all, Davis is a liberal, and once a Liberal always a Liberal. I think you made a big mistake when you gathered all the old liners into your S.C. fold. I can see trouble brewing internally Bonner vs. Curtis and Roberts vs. Davis and even Vander Zalm has been at odds with other members, but you were so determined to get at the NDP and now you're in trouble. As for my views of your government, they never were much for you or your policies. You have made so many promises and the only ones you have kept benefit the rich, the \$100 a plate people, but the people will remember, I'm sure. — F. Townsend, 1239 Colville Rd.

Headline Grabbers

Bill Vander Zalm obviously is the comic relief of the Socred cabinet but his comments are grim humor, especially for those at whom he directs them. His latest quip was about a person begging, whom he said was showing initiative. Being a millionaire, Mr. Vander Zalm can afford to joke! Previously, he has made unkind, insulting comments about welfare recipients.

It is society's moral responsibility to provide for people who need welfare support. I share Mr. Vander Zalm's concern over welfare fraud and misuse. I am opposed to those who would abuse the welfare system but I am not ready to impugn all welfare recipients because of the abuses of a few.

Mr. Vander Zalm's cheap shots must end. I suggest the minister sharpen his sensibilities towards the less fortunate of our society whom he has been elected to serve and stop thinking in terms of his uninformed stereotypes and "humorous" retorts. His flippant, arrogant pronouncements either belie his true feelings or bespeak his callous attitudes. He's a headline grabber with his Archie Bunkersisms but he won't be a vote getter. Maxine Charlesworth, 345 Linden Avenue.

Ferry Prices

I am a resident of British Columbia, moreover a resident of Vancouver Island. My wife and I moved to Victoria some 10 years ago from Alberta. We yearned to live in our beautiful B.C., still feeling a bit of remorse for leaving our place of birth, our family and friends. For the first nine years our ties were frequently fulfilled with visits by family and friends from Alberta. We annually could count on up to 50 people visiting from our old homeland. This past year we were visited by only two; our friends and visitors from years past are not coming anymore. We received six phone calls from friends who were in Vancouver wanting to know if we could meet them there for a weekend. They could not possibly extend their trips to Vancouver Island because of the exorbitant cost to ride Jack Davis's ferries. I say Jack Davis's ferries — at one time we used to feel they were B.C.'s ferries — not anymore.

It is becoming quite apparent that Vancouver Island is finished as a destination point for many Canadians. The Hon. Grace McCarthy recently published information stating that each visitor to B.C. in 1976 spent \$22 per day on goods and services. Based on that figure, a travelling family in a camper or trailer must expend well in excess of their entire one day's budget for one hour and forty minutes on Mr. Davis's boat — somehow it doesn't seem fair.

Mrs. McCarthy's Department of Tourism is presently setting out on a campaign spending millions of taxpayers dollars to attract tourists to B.C. Sitting at the same table we have Brother Jack trying to make it as difficult as possible to manoeuvre the masses once they arrive. Somehow the management exercise is lacking. Lonely Resident.

Mexican Travel

March 16 your paper printed a Canadian Press story datelined Vancouver, quoting the B.C. Automobile Association president, Bill McKinley, warning members that "travelling by vehicle in Mexico is extremely dangerous." For the benefit of your readers I would like to add information which I gained firsthand regarding travel in Mexico by car.

With my wife, our daughter and son, I spent last Christmas season, a couple of weeks, at Cabo San Lucas at the southernmost tip of the Baja California peninsula. To get there, we drove down the coast to San Diego where an official of the American Automobile Association told us:

First, only drive by day because of stock wandering about the open range through which the road passed and where there are no fences. Second, no camping on lonely beaches, with which the peninsula abounds, but stick to well-established and marked camping areas if we were camping. Third, purchase car insurance from a Mexican insurance company, an agent of which would have an office at the border as well as in most towns in Mexico.

In this way we should be dependably covered for any contingency which could be peculiar to the country and not properly provided for by insurance which we might already carry.

The AAA had made out applications for Mexican tourist permits for us from our passports so we would save time when we encountered the immigration officials. All they had to do was stamp our permits, which obviously pleased them very much. At the border we bought insurance for the car for the month which we planned to spend in the country which, came to one-twelfth of the annual premium of U.S. \$170 or \$14.

The road down the peninsula is mainly smooth two-lane black-top, and deserted. The whole length, about 1,050 miles, of the Baja Calif. highway is patrolled twice each day by men in green uniforms known as "green angels" who help stranded travellers.

We travelled at the posted speed limit, about 50 miles per hour, and took four days and three nights. Two nights were in government hotels which are all over the country, all known as El Presidente. Ours were most attractively furnished with lots of wrought iron and colourful ceramic tiles. No trouble with the water or food, which was invariably excellent. We found a dictionary quite essential unless you are fairly fluent in Spanish. With this and the proverbial politeness of the people which seems to prompt them to speak a little more clearly and slowly than usual "for the gringo," we communicated very well.

The hotel at Cabo in which we stayed is called La Hacienda and their U.S. agent is a Canadian girl who lives in La Jolla, Calif. Our reservations were made before the peso was devalued which resulted in a rise in prices but were charged the agreed-upon price, not the inflated one. Every evening, a small, informal orchestra played any requests which were in their repertoire or chose things themselves for people to dance or sing as they wished and any lack of training was more than compensated for by the gusto with which they performed. A typical reaction to our expressions of thanks for favours or courtesies was the expression "de nada," meaning, "it is nothing."

Having travelled all over this hemisphere by various forms of transport

including car, truck, train, aircraft, launch, horse and burro and visited most of the countries of Europe as well as North Africa, I would say that the areas of Mexico which we saw this Christmas would compare most favourably with any place I have seen. I find that acting in a friendly manner and always asking an official before photographing things in built-up areas and trying to obey the laws of the land generally, has so far resulted in friendly relations with people everywhere.

The only risk of which I am aware that we really did run was that of being welcomed and entertained to death by the kindly inhabitants of that warm and friendly land. — A. H. Westinghouse, Sidney.

Lovely City

My husband and myself have recently returned from six weeks in your lovely city, and felt we wanted to say thank you to all your citizens.

We found Victoria to be so very friendly, your bus drivers, store clerks, stangers on the street, policemen, and yes, your great teenagers, all seemed to go out of their way to be nice to us. All that, plus the extra-special weather we enjoyed while we were there made it just the nicest holiday we've had in many a year. Thank you all. — Well Satisfied Tourists, Hawarden, Sask.

Canadian Fantasies

In reference to the editorial Canada's Economic Feudalism, Victoria Times, 23 March, indeed we have not only been misled by the oil corporations but let down by the lack of functional governmental management of our resources over these past 50 years. However, the blame for this deplorable energy situation rightfully rests on the shoulders of all Canadians who prefer to indulge in the fantasies of hope, desire, wishes and anticipations of the moment rather than understand and acknowledge the physical factors that dictate what we can and cannot continue to do on this spaceship earth.

If the present oil crisis inflicts sufficient inconvenience on the populace to create some constructive analysis and evaluation of our pre-industrial political price system's capability to manage a high speed, high energy consuming society and motivates them to seek out a more functional system to provide the highest possible standard of living for all citizens with a minimum use and a maximum re-use of our resources, then our crisis will have been a blessing in disguise. However, if we fail to meet this challenge, at this time, to install a social system worthy of mankind and that will co-exist in concert with, not in competition with our ecosystem, then the opportunity for creating order out of chaos will most probably be lost forever.

The continuance of a system that survives on the exploitation of finite resources is in itself a finite system and its operative time duration is in direct ratio to its time capability, to deplete those resources that sustain it. Resource statistics indicate that the time threshold will approximately coincide with the running out of this 20th century. The time for discussion has arrived, apathy leads to chaos. The next generation will not be afforded a decision to rectify an inherited situation. — J. J. Gibson, 920 Ester Road.

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Nuclear Power: Can Carter Freeze History?

Promoting the spread of nuclear power throughout the world was once an important strand in American foreign policy. Generous support was given for Atomic Energy conferences, scholarships for foreign scientists and the building of nuclear research institutes in developing countries.

This was partly good business, partly the consequence of a bureaucracy — the Atomic Energy Commission — which saw its role as that of a fairground barker for nuclear power, and partly, perhaps, a way of assuaging guilt about the bomb by making its peaceful counterpart generally available.

The process reached a grim kind of climax when, just before he abdicated, President Nixon, touring the Middle East as a peacemaker, doted out promises to build nuclear plants at almost every stop, rather like distributing beads to the natives.

So it is hard to criticize President Carter for putting this foolish policy into reverse. For the past few months he has been doing all he can to upset two contracts which would export nuclear know-how to developing countries. One of these is between West Germany and Brazil, the other between France and Pakistan.

So far American pressure has not dissuaded either the sellers or the buyers (though it did persuade South Korea not to go ahead with a similar contract with France). What has been done is to unite much Latin

American opinion behind the Brazilians and to suggest, none too subtly, that there is one law for the rich, nuclear, nations and another for the poor, non-nuclear, ones.

That is the same obstacle over which the nuclear non-proliferation treaty tripped up. A number of nations, including Brazil, have declined to sign or ratify the treaty because, according to the Brazilians, "it seeks to legitimize a distribution of power that is unacceptable because it results from the stage at which the States found themselves at the date of its signature."

In other words, the treaty is an attempt to freeze history at a moment favoring the nuclear powers. Likewise, President Carter's initiatives are seen as an attempt to deny to developing countries the advantages of nuclear power extolled by American salesmen for 20 years.

Clear Point

What are the Brazilians' grounds for wanting nuclear power? Last week, in an admirably clear and well-argued statement, they put forward precisely the arguments used to promote nuclear power in the U.S.

Between 1940 and 1973 the oil consumption of Brazil jumped from 9 per cent to 46 per cent of total consumption. Then came the oil crisis, turning oil into a commodity with a high price, uncertain supply and a limited resources base. Large hydroelectric reserves offer

By NIGEL HAWKES
London Observer

one alternative but one that, Brazilians say, will be fully exploited within the next 10 years.

Nuclear power was the only possible alternative, they decided, a conclusion most American policy-makers would agree with. But does this necessarily mean the entire nuclear fuel cycle from enrichment plants right through to spent fuel reprocessing? Here is the core of the argument between the U.S. and Brazil.

The U.S. argues that there is no need for Brazil to have either enrichment plants — which turn raw uranium into a useful nuclear fuel — or the reprocessing plants, which take the spent fuel and extract plutonium for use in another reactor. Both these services can be undertaken outside the country, reducing the danger of weapon proliferation.

Brazilians reply that there is no point in replacing one form of dependence with another, throwing off the yoke of OPEC only to shoulder that of the nuclear suppliers. This is not a frivolous analogy: Westinghouse Electric, a major U.S. nuclear supplier, has already reneged on a series of contracts to supply enriched uranium to buyers who thought they had cast-iron guarantees of fuel.

The reasons for these broken contracts are still obscure and are being disputed in the courts. But the fact remains that buyers of nuclear plants

have been badly let down: In these circumstances it is hardly surprising — indeed, it is elementary common sense — for countries with major nuclear power programs to make sure that all elements in the fuel cycle are as far as possible in their own hands.

The Americans are trying to promote a compromise in which internationally controlled fuel centres are responsible for enrichment and reprocessing. The idea is to reduce the incentive for any one nation to invest in those plants by providing an absolute assurance that fuel services will be available at reasonable prices, and not under the monopoly power of the existing nuclear suppliers.

Site Queried

The scheme has some attractions, but putting it into practice would, I suspect, be extremely difficult. Where, for example, would Brazil's fuel be handled under the American proposals? If the idea is that U.S. facilities will become the centre for the whole American region, that is not going to be acceptable. But if the plants are not to be in the U.S., where should they be? The fact is there is no site in Latin America that would be acceptable to all the countries who would have to use the facilities.

Nor would international reprocessing facilities provide any real guarantee of non-proliferation. After the plutonium had been extracted

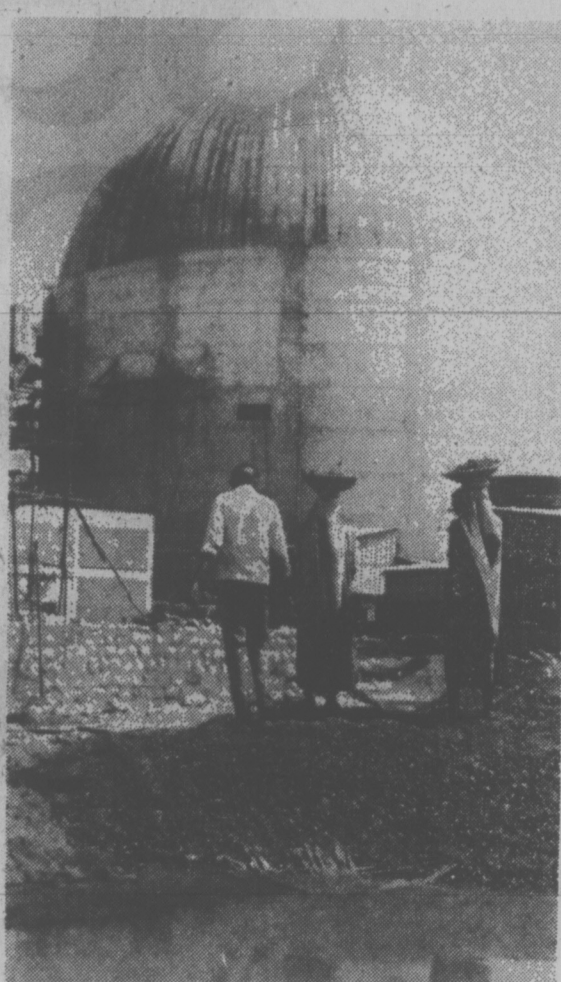
from the spent fuel, it would presumably be returned to its country of origin, since that is the whole point of reprocessing the fuel in the first place.

If the plutonium were returned as metal, it could be turned into a bomb very easily. Returning it as an oxide, mixed with uranium oxide to make a new fuel element, would make things a little harder. If it were irradiated to make it dangerous to approach without proper shielding, that would make things harder still. But the fact is that any country bent on making a bomb could extract the plutonium without great difficulty.

There is no easy answer. Trying to restrict enrichment and reprocessing facilities to existing nuclear nations simply will not work. International reprocessing has a slightly better chance, but still a very small one. Safeguards procedures are worthwhile, but no guarantee against proliferation.

A Paper from the International Institute for Strategic Studies, published last week, rightly concludes that "it would be illusory to think that nuclear weapons proliferation could be severely limited by imposing controls on the sale of nuclear power facilities."

"The fundamental problem remains: minimizing the motivations nations have to acquire nuclear weapons altogether. This involves issues far beyond the realm of a nation's interest and involvement in the development of nuclear power to generate electricity."



Poor nations, like India, strive for nuclear power.

FEIFFER



Marijuana and the Law

In Washington the Administration of President Jimmy Carter has asked Congress to decriminalize possession of marijuana. If the plan goes through it will mean that possession of a small quantity of marijuana for personal use will no longer be a violation of any law.

Dr. Peter Bourne, chosen by Mr. Carter to head the Office of Drug Abuse Policy, said the administration "will continue to discourage marijuana use, but we feel criminal penalties that brand otherwise law-abiding people for life are neither an effective nor an appropriate deterrent."

A sensible approach. Use of alcohol or tobacco is hardly to be encouraged, either. Each of them is known to be damaging to the user, much more so than marijuana. Yet prohibition of

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alcohol, when tried, was a disaster, as prohibition of tobacco would be, and as prohibition of marijuana now is.

Decriminalizing possession does not, of course, offer a complete answer to the existing problems. If possessing marijuana is legal then obtaining it will have to become legal, too, and that calls for a distribution system, probably like that of liquor, under government control. This in itself would be an important step for it would break the one real link between marijuana and harder drugs, the fact that the underground pusher has both in his stock in trade.

impressive contrast with the Canadian government's long record of foot-shuffling and foot-dragging, looking the other way, pretending one day that the problem doesn't exist and the next that it can be handled by asking judges to go easy in applying an unchanged law.

One excuse for inaction in this country has been the fear that if Canada moved before the United States it would make for trouble at the border. Now it appears that that pretext for keeping the law lagging behind the needs and realities of the time, and thus helping to create a climate of casual disrespect for the law itself, may soon be demolished. Dare we hope now that even Ottawa will find the courage — only the most modest of courage is needed — to act?

Bribes Plague Soviets

By LADOS LEDERER

LONDON — Large-scale arrests and trials are taking place in two constituent republics of the Soviet Union for bribe-taking and misuse of official position, a growing feature of Soviet life.

Alarmed by widespread corruption, the Soviet government has, in local newspapers, for the first time disclosed the actions taken against offenders.

The two republics where criminal proceedings are taking place are Byelorussia and Azerbaijan.

In Byelorussia (White Russia) 60 state and party functionaries were sacked and put on trial for falsifying agricultural statistics and embezzling state funds.

According to the newspaper Sovetskaya Byelorussia, the party leader, Fyotr Maskesov, a member of the Soviet party's Central Committee, disclosed that among the arrested were his own deputy, three district party secretaries from Minsk and the head of the local collective.

In addition, 36 officials in the Byelorussia ministry of agriculture were demoted for lack of state and party discipline and "for tolerating these criminal manipulations."

A much larger trial is taking place in Baku in Azerbaijan where, according to the local newspaper, Bakinsky Rabochi, over 300 officials were found guilty of "massive bribe-taking."

Investigation in this matter was conducted by a group from the Committee of State Security of the Azerbaijan Republic (instead of the office of the public prosecutor), a

practice that is contrary to normal procedure in criminal matters.

The preliminary investigation took almost a year. The evidence filled 100 volumes and, out of the 400 witnesses cross-examined at the trial, 300 are standing trial for taking bribes.

The Baku newspaper dissects the causes of such large-scale crimes and states categorically that "there is no sociological reason for such crimes, nor could there ever be."

How, then one might wonder, could party officials and trade inspectors commit corruption?

The authors of the article state: "Perverted notions of happiness and an uncontrollable desire for gain at any price that come from a lack of true ideals and beliefs in real human values lead these people to the dock."

It proves once again that even in Communist countries, human nature is not influenced by slogans and ideology.

Those Russians who were brought up in the spirit of the "October Revolution" and educated since the cradle in the moral code for building communism remain human beings who wish to get the best of life.

All those standing trial are members of the Communist party.

It would be a mistake to assume that these revelations of criminal proceedings are peculiar to these two republics. Such practices occur in all the Soviet republics. Normally, however, they are kept secret.

London Observer

Arrogant UBC Ignores McGeer

The Sun
An Editorial

If, as Education Minister Patrick McGeer says, provincial revenues are expected to increase in 1977-78 by 5.4 per cent, and if the amount budgeted for universities by the provincial government shows an increase over last year of about 8.5 per cent, and if Anti-Inflation Board wage increase guidelines for this year have a ceiling of six to 10 per cent, and if the money the universities council asked for from the provincial government was calculated on eight-per-cent salary increases, why has UBC's administration pantedly signed an interim agreement with its faculty for 1977-78 salary increases of 11.7 per cent?

Pantingly is the word we use. The agreement was signed in July or August, almost as soon as faculty began drawing their 1976-77 increases and some months after a warning letter from Dr. McGeer to the province's public universities that the financial squeeze was going to be on and that universities should try to hold the line on salaries.

University of Victoria and Simon Fraser University heeded the warning and signed no interim agreements and only now are entering into negotiations with their faculties.

But not UBC. Why? Good question: What it looks like is an arrogance at UBC, an elitist arrogance that says to hell with the community, to hell with the

province, to hell with what's happening in the rest of the country, we'll do as we please.

Moreover, it comes across as an arrogance that serves only to harden the public's attitude to all those who work in the public service — which employees of universities (the cherished principle of academic freedom aside) most certainly do. Never mind what pressures are at work in the economy: give no thought to the tensions of the marketplace that govern the salary negotiations of other groups. The taxpayer's pocket is bottomless: dig deep.

Did UBC president Douglas Kenny or any of his administrative staff come before the public to explain why — or, for that matter, answer when asked why — they felt there was merit in signing an interim agreement with the faculty for, as reported, an 11.7 per cent increase?

This is pressure of an unpleasant kind on the government and public from the lofty tip of Point Grey, it is pressure on UBC's students — who should not be faulted if they find, in part, a connection between their increasing fees and the amount of money in wage increases their instructors want.

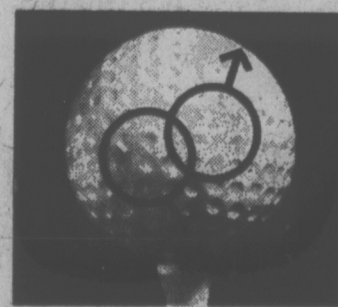
The government's imposed economic stringencies on the universities are undoubtedly unwelcome, but their burden should be born equally. We do not detect any suffering as the port is passed about in the faculty club.

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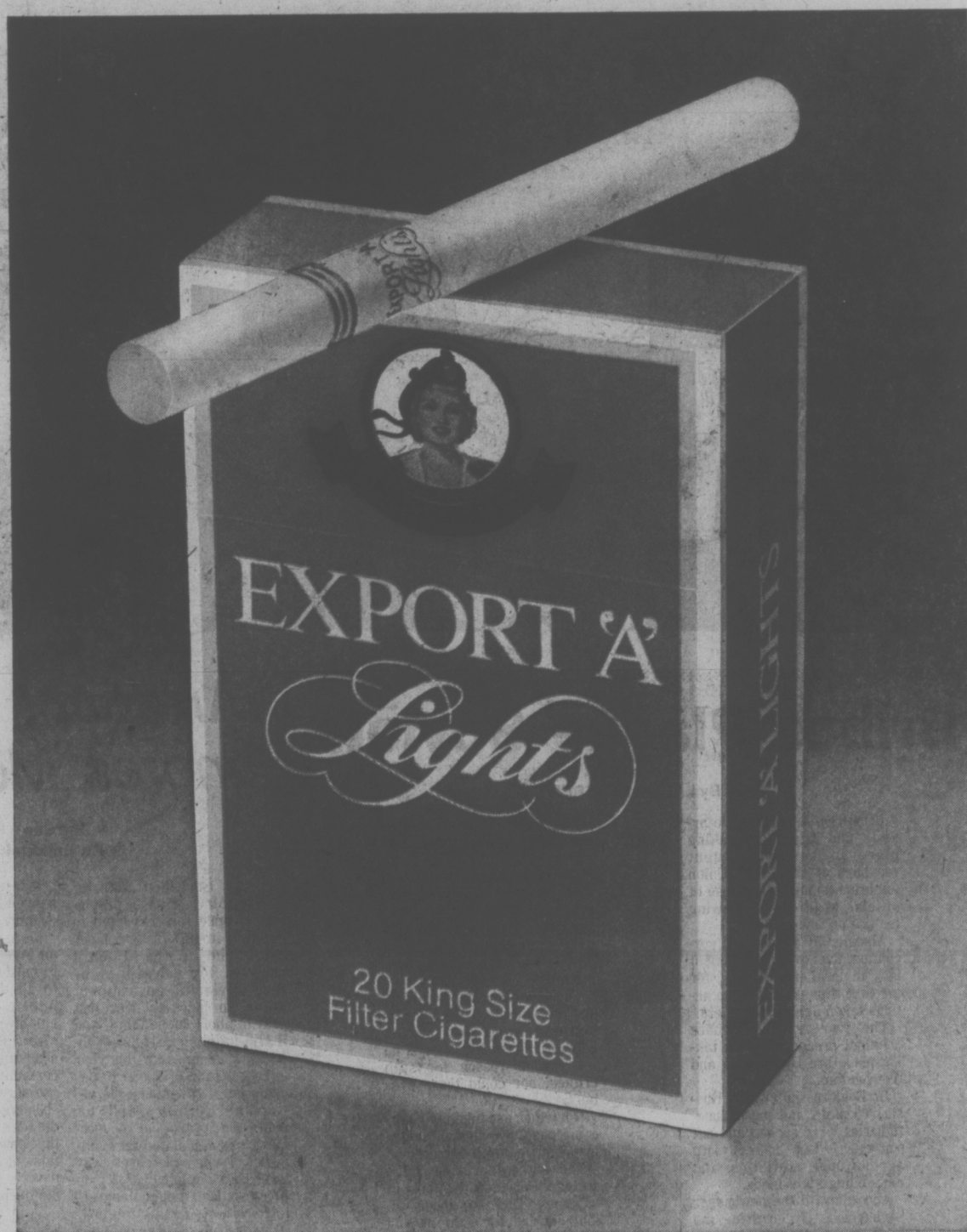
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CARTER WINS WATER VOTE

WASHINGTON (WP) — President Carter won a narrow victory Monday as the House budget committee voted to cut from the 1978 budget \$280 million for water resources projects the administration wants to kill.

Over the objections of majority leader Rep. Jim Wright (Dem.-Tex.) and chairman Robert Giannino (Dem.-Conn.), nine Democrats and four Republicans joined to vote for

the \$280 million funding cut proposed by Rep. Butler Derrick (Dem.-S.C.).

In the budget he proposed last month, Carter deleted \$289 million in funds for 19 ongoing water projects that had been in the budget president Ford sent to Congress in January. An irate Senate voted on March 10 to reject the administration plan and oppose any cutbacks, the biggest legislative setback the new administration has received.

Carter Approves Sale of \$2B Arms

WASHINGTON (WP) — President Carter, in his first extensive decision-making on the U.S. role as arms merchant, has approved nearly \$2 billion in military sales to NATO countries and other allies in Asia and the Middle East, administration sources said Monday.

Close to 25 military sales were approved by Carter late last week out of a longer list of pending deals with a total price tag of \$5 to \$6 billion, according to officials. The items approved were described as relatively non-controversial, including fighters and tanks for Israel, about \$300 million in contract construction for Saudi Arabia, jet fighters for Greece and a variety of items for NATO countries, Jordan, Pakistan and South Korea.

Carter's decisions will be announced soon and notifications of the proposed sales sent to Congress as required by law, officials said. The State Department is drawing up a justification for each transaction to be sent to Capitol Hill in keeping with a promise to lawmakers by Sec-

retary of State Cyrus R. Vance.

Under Secretary of State for Security Assistance Lucy W. Benson, who took the oath of office at the State Department Monday said in an interview that Carter assumed a personal role in the review of each arms decision so far presented to him.

According to Benson, the Carter administration has adopted "very important" changes in its attitude and practices toward arms sales even before the formal adoption of a new presidential policy that is expected in mid-April.

In the past, the presumption was that the U.S. would sell a military item to allies and friends abroad in the absence of a showing that such a transfer would be against U.S. interest. Now policymakers have adopted a "negative presumption," according to Benson, placing the burden of justification on those who want a sale to go forward.

"The questions now are, 'Do they have to have this? And why do they have to have this?'" Benson said.

WATERGATE TAPE FIGHT IN COURT

WASHINGTON (WP) — The U.S. Supreme Court agreed Monday to hear arguments on whether Watergate tape recordings made by former President Nixon in the White House can be reproduced for broadcast and for sale as phonograph records and tape cassettes.

The action delays broad public access to the tapes for several months to a year or longer, if the court ultimately rules for Nixon, commercialization of the tapes probably never will be permitted.

U.S. Reviews Rhodesian Lobby Action

WASHINGTON (WP) — In a move that could be related to Carter administration efforts to tighten sanctions against Rhodesia, the U.S. Justice Department has been reviewing the lobbying activities of the Rhodesian Information Office in Washington.

Reliable sources said Monday the department's Criminal Division recently started scrutinizing the information office's conformity to the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act. The sources added that a Criminal Division attorney and an FBI agent Monday visited the office and began examining its records.

The Justice department's action comes against a background of escalating support by the Carter administration for majority-black rule in Rhodesia, a southern Africa republic where a minority of approximately 250,000 whites governs 5.5 million blacks.

Four Killed By Mill Gas

CHICAGO (UPI) — Four workmen were killed and six others were overcome Monday night by deadly carbon monoxide gas that seeped into a blast furnace at a South Side steel mill.

The 10 workers inhaled the gas while making repairs on the furnace at the Wisconsin Steel Co. plant.

Authorities said two men were working inside the furnace when they were felled by the gas. Two others were killed attempting to drag them out.

VD Spending Cut

EDMONTON (CP) — Government spending on venereal disease treatment will decrease this year although the disease rate is climbing, a community health department official said Monday.

U.S. to Subsidize Solar Heat

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Two federal agencies will award \$10 million during the next year to help homeowners and hotel-motel operators install solar hot water heaters and cut fuel bills.

Officials expect the new program to give the fledgling solar manufacturing and installation industry a boost and encourage private purchase of the equipment.

The limited size of the solar equipment market has been blamed in the past for keeping solar heating costs high.

Announcing the new program Monday, officials said the government will pay about half the cost of sun-powered water heating equipment for some 10,000 homes in 10 Atlantic states where fuel costs are high, and half the total installation costs for an unknown number of hotels and motels nationwide.

"Solar energy is so close to being competitive with other fuels for heating water that a stimulus such as this could very well provide the essential market boost," said Robert Fri, acting chief of the Energy Research and Development Administration.

"Our goal is to make (solar water heating) fully competitive as soon as possible."

ERDA will handle grants totalling up to \$5.5 million to hotels and motels, officials said. Hotels and Motels were chosen, officials said, because of their high demand for hot water, public visibility and

the potential for future additions without federal support.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development will offer \$4.6 million to homeowners in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Florida, states with high 1976 electric bills.

Application details will be published in April. The first grants are expected to be issued in August or September, officials said.

Each homeowner picked for a grant will receive about \$400 in federal funds, about half the estimated cost of equipment for a solar hot water system. Officials said installation costs, to be paid in full by the homeowner, are expected to run an additional \$300 to \$500.

No fixed amount has been

set for grants to hotels and motels, because the size of establishments may vary.

Each establishment will get funds covering half the cost of

installation as well as equipment. One official estimated the average size of the hotel-motel grants might be \$100,000.

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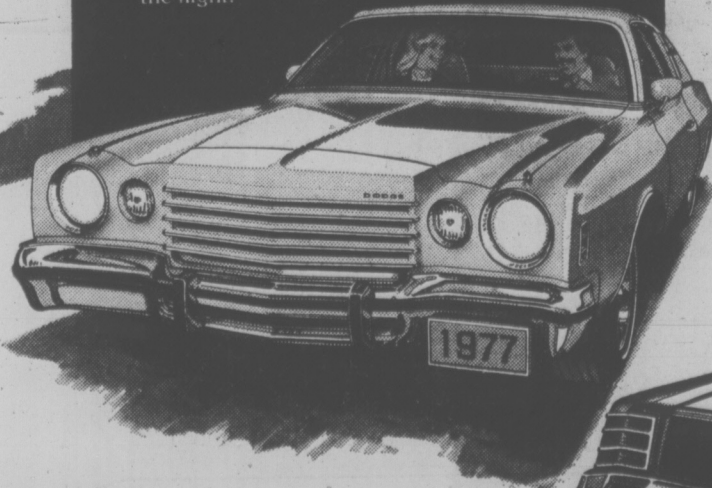
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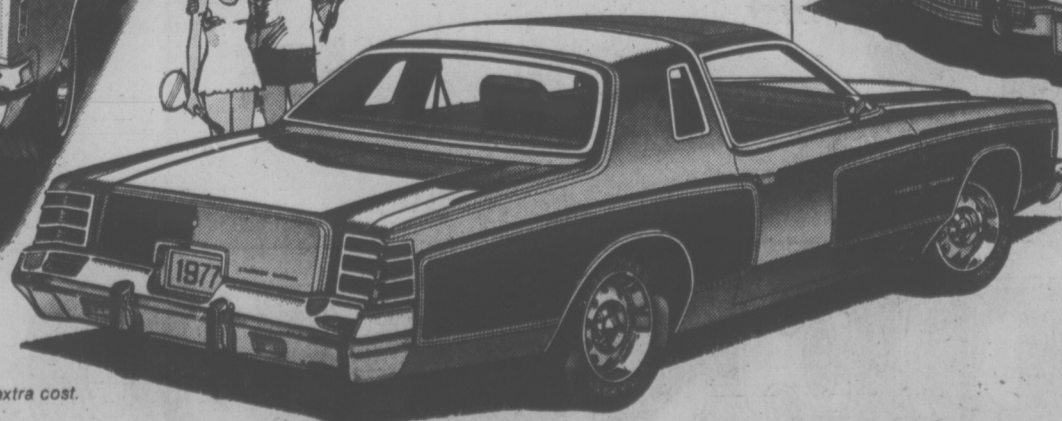
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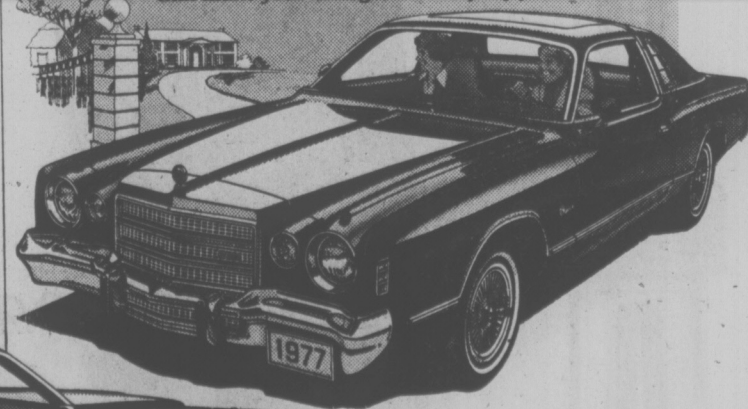
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Price Too Low, TVs Removed

By MARK HUME
Times Staff

Victoria businessman Stan Fischer stood and fumed Monday while two men took every Hitachi television he had in his shop and loaded them into a truck.

"What it boils down to," said Fischer in his S. F. Network Television Ltd. store on Tillicum Road, "is that they're removing my stock because I've been advertising at low prices."

Fischer said Hitachi Sales Corporation of Canada Ltd. took back all their color televisions, and other merchandise, because, by retailing them cheaply, he was undercutting his competitors and causing dissension among Hitachi's other dealers in the city.

He was selling 20-inch portables for \$359.00 instead of the suggested retail price of \$669.95.

Fischer said his 35 per cent markup on that model is less than most stores and Hitachi was pressured by other Victoria dealers to bring Network's prices into line.

"They want Hitachi sold at a higher price," he said. "I was told to 'play ball' — either go along with our prices or we will not be your dealer."

Hitachi representative Daryl Holt today denied that his company tries to dictate prices and said dealers can sell their sets for whatever they want.

"I'm not aware of anything like that, not at all," he said. "It's strictly open territory and we don't interfere."

Holt said, however, that he is not familiar with Fischer's account and could not say why the merchandise had been reclaimed.

Holt said Hitachi's Vancouver Island representative would have to explain the issue. He was not available for comment.

Fischer said he has been under pressure from Hitachi since last October. First he had re-supply problems, he said, and then company representatives started calling him, urging a price hike.

Fischer said he can afford to sell his sets for less than competing stores because of his low overhead.

Fischer said he has brought the matter to the attention of the department of consumer and corporate affairs.

Roy Gunter-Smith, appliance manager for Standard Furniture, another Hitachi dealer, said his store has never complained about Fischer's prices, but he could see other dealers doing it.

Gunter-Smith said that when one dealer sells stock at a very low price other dealers in the area will call the manufacturer to complain they can't match the price.

When that happens, he said, the manufacturer usually puts pressure on the dealer concerned.

"You can have trouble getting re-stocked," he said.

Fatal Train Crash

OPLADEN, West Germany (Reuter) — Three persons were killed and 11 injured, three seriously, Monday when an express train and a locomotive collided at a station in this town near Cologne.

BLIZZARD WALLOPS U.S. WEST

Times News Services

A spring snowstorm, packing a near-blizzard wallop in some areas, belted the northern U.S. Rockies and plains today. Violent winds and severe thunderstorms swept through the Southeast.

Blizzard warnings were up in the Dakotas. Fourteen inches of snow replaced recent 75-degree warmth at Havre, Mont. Thirty inches of snow fell in northern Utah's mountains, making both skiers and drought-plagued farmers happy.

Heavy snow swirled across northern and central Montana, and motorists and ranchers in eastern Montana were warned to expect near-blizzard conditions. Nine inches of snow fell at Great Falls, Mont. The precipitation was good news to wheat growers.

High winds uprooted dozens of trees, damaged roofs of several homes and tore down power lines at Talladega, Ala.

Confusion, Unknowns Face Crash Probe

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tower and the two cockpits that led to the collision? Officers of Pan Am gave this account of key points.

The two jets were in the parking area near the northwest end of the Tenerife airport's 11,553-foot northwest-southeast runway. Running parallel to that runway, a short distance to the north, is a narrow taxiway. And there are several short strips along the way that permit planes to go from runway to main taxiway.

Both jumbos were cleared by the tower to taxi southeast down the main runway to get into position for takeoffs to the northwest. It was said that one reason for this was congestion blocking the regular taxiway.

Though it was still daylight, visibility at the field was heavily obscured by fog. The unofficial word from the scene was that both pilots had been instructed to leave the

main runway at the last turn-off before the end and to follow the long taxiway to the end before turning 180 degrees back onto the main runway for takeoff. The KLM plane taxied out first.

According to the unofficial account, the KLM crew asked the tower if the plane was cleared for takeoff. The tower asked the pilot of the Pan Am plane, which had taxied down the main runway after the KLM jumbo, whether his craft had cleared the runway.

"No," was the reply. Nevertheless something went wrong. Could the tower have mistaken the "no" for "yes"? Could the KLM crew have thought the tower had okayed the takeoff? The answers should come from the retrieved recordings.

Whatever the slipup, or possibly, the combination of misunderstandings, the stage was set for disaster.

In Washington the National Transportation Safety Board,

which had rushed a team to the Canaries, said the impact had occurred about 3,000 feet from the end of the runway, where the takeoff began. This would have been near the turnoff that Pan Am officials said their crew had been instructed to use.

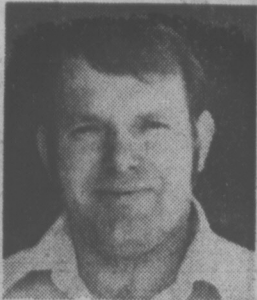
The Pan Am crew finally seeing the KLM's lights bearing down on them through the mist, were said to have made a desperate attempt to turn left, out of the way. That could explain why the Pan Am plane was struck in the side, just behind the right wing.

In another development, the Toronto Star said that Montreal's Mirabel International

Airport is rated by pilots as critically deficient and worse than Tenerife Airport, where Sunday's jumbo-jet disaster took place.

The newspaper said the

Federation of Airline Pilots Associations gives Mirabel a black-star or critically deficient rating in its most recent report evaluating airports.



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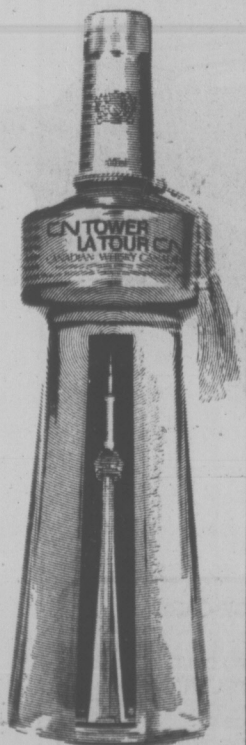
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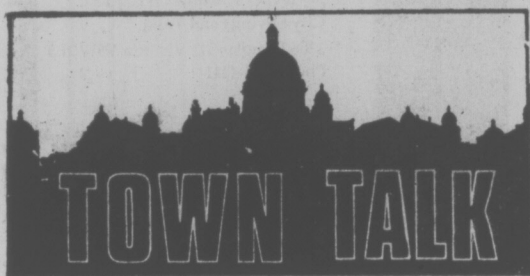
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Verlene Cook in Volvo three-point belt and harness

—John McKay photo



A letter from a former Lancashire lass, accompanied by a Jan. 14 clipping from the Times, found its way back to the editor's desk this week after being in Manchester and directed by the Canadian consul to 2631 Douglas, our old address next door.

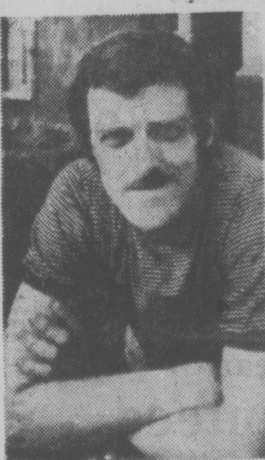
Mrs. Vera Fielden, 2563 Thompson, wrote to police in Rochdale, Greater Manchester, suggesting they might have badges they no longer needed which would augment the collection described in a Times story on Tony Price, a young man whose disability requires him to live at Queen Alexandra Hospital for Children.

Chief Inspector Frank Jones got together a parcel for Tony containing badges from a number of British police forces, but he didn't know the location of the hospital.

H. D. Moran, of the consulate in Manchester, knew not only that it is at 2400 Arbutus, but that it is better known by its former name, the Solarium. He also told Jones the clipping came from the Times, albeit with the old street number.

Tony's parcel arrived Tuesday and nursing supervisor Margaret Brown reports he was "enthralled and mystified," since there was no mention of the Times or Mrs. Fielden.

Tony spent the rest of the day polishing the badges and going over the assorted goodies, each accompanied by a typed or handwritten explanation, and including posters, buttons, lapel badges, a picture of police headquarters, a map of Greater Manchester police district, a folder for official documents and a constable's leather-bound notebook with Tony's name entered.



GODFREY national stature

Nevertheless, UVic is getting a writer of national stature in Godfrey, says Robin Skelton, the former department head.

Skelton stepped down to devote more time to his own writing and to editing the Malahat Review. The added administrative duties of a department head "were killing me."

When Dr. D. K. Edwards, 584 Victoria, suggested to Oak Bay council a Sunday ban on power mowers, the response was surprisingly quiet.

Edwards said he and his wife enjoy gardening, but in recent years it had become "something akin to gardening next to the Indianapolis Speedway. Due to the almost continual din and whine of power mowers around us we find ourselves during the spring and summer having to shout at each other to be heard."

Council suggested a philosophical approach in taking up the question of noise pollution at Union of B.C. Municipalities level.

"There was a time when that would have been banded about from committee to committee right through the prime grass season," Mayor Brian Smith remarked.

Partial Priority At Centre

Residents of Sidney and North Saanich will get priority at their new recreation centre, and perhaps a break in the price, only when it comes to organized activities such as skating classes.

For public swimming or skating, it won't matter where people live and everybody will pay the same.

That's how policy is shaping up, Robert Hope, chairman of Peninsula Recreation Commission, said today.

The priority angle produced a little flurry at Sidney council Monday night, with some aldermen indicating there shouldn't be any.

The \$1.8 million centre, under construction on East Saanich Road south of McTavish, has been named the Panorama Leisure Centre and will open about July 2. The provincial government contributed \$616,000.

Sensitivity over priority use stems from the fact Central Saanich ratepayers last year rejected a referendum which would have had them share the building cost. The centre is less than a mile from the Central Saanich boundary.

Sidney Ald. Jerry Tregaskis, also a member of the recreation commission, said today the only priority under consideration is on booking block time for groups, where local groups will be favored. Rates haven't been set yet, he said.

The Governor-General Award winning novelist (The New Ancestors) and short story writer (collected under Death Goes Better with Coca Cola) also runs Press Porcupine publishing house. (Porcupine is Quebecois for porcupine or hedgehog.)

Press Porcupine is embroiled in a battle to publish a play entitled I Love You Baby Blue — a play that has already been closed by Toronto's morality squad.

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Ship Movements

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Belt Up!

New Law Too Weak—Doctor

By AB KENT
Times Staff

For B.C. motorists, 1977 will go down as the year the seat belt law landed in their laps. And with holiday time starting, it could be the summer of getting used to buckling up along the highway.

Wearing the belts is expected to be mandatory by the fall, some 25 years after the introduction of optional seatbelts in passenger cars.

Dr. Duncan McPherson, of Vancouver, who represents the B.C. Medical Association on the B.C. Road Safety Council, says the legislation is not as tough as he'd like. The legislation requires only that motorists wear lap belts.

It will not make the wearing of shoulder straps compulsory, even though a car may be fitted with the three-point system of lap and shoulder restraint.

"I don't see why people who have older cars should be denied the benefit of the three-point system," he said, suggesting the law be written to update two-point systems into three-point restraint.

The new law would make violators subject to a maximum fine of \$100, with no provision for jailing. An earlier bill set the top penalty at \$500 or imprisonment.

McPherson cites the results of a one-year study conducted by the federal government in the Vancouver area proving the effectiveness of the three-point harness.

Although only 15 per cent of motorists in the area wore seat belts, of those wearing three-point systems involved in accidents, none were killed and in every case, the extent of injury was less than in comparable accidents without both lap and shoulder restraint.

McPherson attended a meeting last month in Melbourne of the International Association of Accident and Traffic Medicine, under the auspices of the World Health Organization, where he re-

ported the Vancouver experience.

Melbourne, he noted, is the capital of Victoria, the first Australian state to make mandatory the wearing of seatbelts in 1970.

Motorists there have responded phenomenally, McPherson said, with 91 per cent adhering to the practice.

In two weeks of moving about Australia, he saw no one driving without a seatbelt.

"It is so customary nobody even thinks about it. They are fully aware of the benefits derived and they can't understand why we haven't got legislation."

Australian design rules specify essentially the same three-point safety belts as the ones in modern European and North American cars.

But when the law was introduced it came with an extensive educational campaign—"not a scare campaign," McPherson said—and for a period of time there were no penalties, just warnings.

The result has been a 30 per cent drop in the rate of traffic fatalities and a 37 per cent reduction in severity of injuries and expensive, long-term medical treatment.

At the Australian conference, the IAATM gave three awards for contributions to traffic safety in industry, professional bodies and government. They were won by Volvo for its automotive design including its exemplary seatbelt system, the Royal Australasian Medical Association, and the state of Victoria for pioneering seatbelt laws.

Canadians have only to look to Ontario, where mandatory belt-buckling was adopted 14 months ago. The province reports its lowest traffic death toll since 1964, part of which could be attributed to lowered speed limits.

So far in this country and the U.S. there is no unanimity



BCAA's Mike Cole shows approved seats.

on the best kind of passenger restraining device to reduce injury caused by impact.

Seat and shoulder harness would appear to be the most satisfactory combination. However, inflatable airbags are still in the running and undergoing testing in 5,000 General Motors cars in the U.S.

Airbags were discussed at the Melbourne meeting where several U.S. motor companies were represented.

McPherson said there is no scientific support for airbag protection, which so far would be applied only in front seats, would cushion only in the case of frontal collision, and work only if the system is in perfect condition.

"They're an interesting experiment, but they're really set back the development of other devices," McPherson said.

One area ignored by re-

search so far is the safety of child passengers. Those within a certain weight range are too large for approved infant harnesses and too small to be effectively protected by adult belts.

The B.C. Automobile Association notes there are no approved restraints in Canada for 30-50 pound children, even though both the U.S. and Britain have found effective harnesses for this group.

The association lists five approved seats with restraining harness suitable for babies up to 15 pounds and for youngsters to 40 pounds or about four years of age.

The devices have been approved by the Canadian Standards Association, the Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and the Canadian Consumers Association.

"You wouldn't think of leaving on your holiday without first tuning up your vehicle

and checking the tires," says BCAA's Graham Edis. "Why set off without an approved child car restraint?"

Five recommended seats are:

Dorel's Trav-L-Guard model 085; Questor's Kantwet Care Seat model 985; Canadian Merchandising's modified Peterson model 74; American Safety Equipment's Swing-o-Matic and the Strollee 597S.

For adults, only approved seatbelts are marketed in Canada and it is unlawful to sell a new car without belts. The most recent models being equipped with three-point systems.

Edis points out that in the proposed B.C. legislation there is no compulsion to wear a belt where in older cars, there are none installed.

On airbags, Edis said much more research is needed and that so far both Canadian and American auto clubs are wary of them.

Airbags are triggered by an impact on the vehicle's front bumper and blow up almost instantaneously to present front seat occupants from being thrown against dashboard and windshield.

But they deflate almost as quickly, to allow the driver to see ahead and bring the car to a safe stop if possible. And the bags do not reinflate if there is a second collision.

Edis said most injuries occur with second collision or side impact, against which airbags are useless.

BCAA general manager Jack Chestnut said the American Automobile Association has done a lot of airbag investigation and concluded they are costly and unreliable.

The triggering device could inflate the bag prematurely, he said, although for a straight head-on crash the bag could work extremely well.

"From a cost-effective point of view there is nothing more effective than a proper three-point seat belt," Chestnut said.

So when motoring, practice self-restraint. It's a cinch.



McCarthy side-stepper

Boos Greet 'Flim-Flam' On Tourism by McCarthy

The president of the Parksville Tourist Association said today it's not surprising members of the organization were mad enough to boo Provincial Secretary Grace McCarthy last weekend.

"Grace McCarthy cracks jokes while we are losing our shirts," Joe North said today.

North, explaining the hostile reception given the minister last Sunday at a Parksville meeting, said it's no wonder association members are angry with Mrs. McCarthy.

"She isn't taking our plight seriously enough."

"She told us not to worry about high ferry rates. She

said we could continue to attract tourists with good motel management practices," North said.

"When we asked her about the ferry rates, she said it wasn't her department. She referred us to Jack Davis (minister of transport)."

"Her speech was all political flim-flam."

North said when the minister finished her speech, she said she wouldn't answer any questions.

"That's when we all boomed. Finally she agreed to answer a few but she side-stepped everything," he said.

"She is a good speaker but

her jokes are out of place. She doesn't seem to realize how serious this is."

"In the question period, I told her I used to get regular weekenders from the Vancouver area and these were important to my business, the Englishman River Motel. Many of these people came over every two weeks because it was close to Vancouver and not very expensive."

North said on June 1 the government raised ferry rates.

"On the last weekend before the increase went into effect, I got the same story from all the weekenders. They wouldn't be back," he said.

"The only one I saw after June 1 was a fisherman. Before the ferry rate increase, the motel would be full on weekends. Since that time it has been empty."

"This year looks very bleak," North said.

"Mrs. McCarthy replied that we could recapture the tourist trade from Vancouver if we went over to the Lower Mainland, and really sold Parksville."

"That is just political flim-flam. How can we afford to do that when we aren't even making enough to pay ourselves wages? That sort of talk may be all right for the Empress Hotel or the other

big companies but what can we do?"

"We know what the problem is—the ferry rates. But Mrs. McCarthy says that is not her department and meanwhile we shouldn't worry because all we need to do is get out and sell."

"If things don't change we are in danger of losing what we have. It is that desperate," North warned.

Developer's Letter 'Pretty Incredible'

A developer's letter urging certain James Bay residents to sell their properties for a proposed apartment block was described as "pretty incredible" by Mayor Mike Young today.

But Young told aldermen at a special council meeting he doesn't know what action can be taken to protect homeowners from pressure to sell.

Perhaps the only thing the city can do is make people aware of such tactics, he added.

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It begins: "Dear Homeowner, it may be that you feel you would rather not sell your

apartment on your smaller piece of land alone.

"At that time, your house is far down in value because it is then just worth the price of an older home, at a time when houses are not selling and house prices are down."

The letter stresses that the purchase offer can never be repeated, and adds: "In addition to the nuisance of heavy construction right at your door, your home will be next to a busy apartment."

Council agreed with Young's suggestion that the letter be referred to the city's legal department for comment.

In an interview today, Stevens said he had been intending to build an apartment on the site, "but unfortunately two families decided not to sell and the project has been scrapped."

COLWOOD GIRL RAPED

A 14-year-old girl was raped at 3 p.m. Monday by a man who grabbed her as she walked along the railroad tracks behind Belmont high school on Jacklin Road.

The tracks behind the school run through a heavily treed area, but are often used as a shortcut, Colwood RCMP said.

They have several suspects, a spokesman said.

Q. To settle a friendly argument — if Marlene Dietrich didn't star in "Golden Earrings" years ago, who did? E.M.F.

A. For the answer we went to — who else? — film nut and trivia king Bruce Lowther, formerly of the Colo-

Rollback Hits City Officials

Fourteen senior city employees who each received salary increases last year of \$2,400 — the maximum under Anti-Inflation Board rules — have had their increases rolled back by the AIB.

The amount of the rollback varies from \$12 to \$18 per month, or \$144 to \$216 on a yearly basis.

The employees affected are mostly department heads and their deputies.

In a sarcastic reference to the AIB order, an editorial in the current newsletter of the City Hall Employees Association says:

"It seems there was a slight error made in calculating the cost of some fringe benefits.

"The employers were much more diligent in calculating these fringe benefits during our recent union negotiations."

Ask The Times

ist and now with Channel 10. He confirms that the star was indeed Miss Dietrich of the sultry voice, whose co-star in the 1947 movie was Ray Milland. And one of the hit recordings of the film was performed by Nat King Cole.

Q. Could you please tell me where I could get the address in England for a genealogical history of my ancestors born in Staffordshire and Derbyshire? G.B.

A. You should write to the Royal Society of Genealogists. The address is 37 Harrington Gardens, London, S.W. 7 4JX.

Container Ships On West Coast?

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Coastal freighter service should be restored to the West Coast to move cargo efficiently from Canada to California, a steamship line official says.

John Koster, president of American Pacific Container Lines, Inc., said his firm is attempting to re-establish freighter service that died along the West Coast in the 1950s.

"The United States and Canada have the longest continuous coastline of any two nations in the world," Koster

said. Yet "there is no cargo feeder service along that coastline."

Koster told the Portland Propeller Club, a shipping trades association, that he hopes to make the ocean transportation business more efficient by promoting container shipping.

American Pacific Container has operating authority from the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Federal Maritime Commission to call at all large West Coast ports, he said.

As soon as container-handling equipment is installed, Koster said, he plans to add Stockton and Sacramento, Calif., and Astoria to the list.

By using seaborne transport, a shipper can cut time from the rail haul and move cargo cheaper, Koster said.

The saving of time between San Diego and Long Beach, Calif., is a matter of hours "but from Portland to Long Beach it takes about a day," Koster said.

Canada Life Announcement



H. J. F. ROSE

The Canada Life Assurance Company announces that H. J. F. Rose has been appointed an Executive Consultant.

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His advice based on his highly successful marketing experience will be of immeasurable help to the Canadian Marketing Division in its planning for even more effective service to Canada Life policyholders and the public in the future.

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MUTUAL FUNDS

TORONTO (CP) — Recent prices of

investment funds supplied by the

Investment Funds Institute of Canada

Monday. They are the net asset value

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STOL Link in the Cards

Transport Minister Jack Davis hinted Monday that a short take off and landing (STOL) air link between Victoria and Vancouver could be closer than people think.

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he declined to make any commitment but said Gerald Strongman (SC—Vancouver South) was "close to the mark" with suggestions on how to improve transportation links between Victoria and the Lower Mainland.
During debate on budgetary estimates for Davis' office, Strongman suggested that with a STOL airport at Ogden Point in Victoria and another in North Vancouver, travellers could move from the capital to downtown Vancouver in about 45 minutes.

"A STOL system could tie in with the new Burrard ferry system," he said. "People could step off the aircraft in North Vancouver and walk right onto a ferry. Within minutes they would be in downtown Vancouver. Or, if they wished to travel to other areas of the Lower Mainland there is a bus terminal close by to give them that method of transportation."

Anticipating criticism from anti-noise factions, Strongman said the De Havilland-7, The Canadian-built STOL aircraft, had a noise level 90 per cent less than contemporary jets.

"From 500 feet on landing and take-off the noise level is 85 decibels," he said. "In layman's language that's about the same noise as a diesel truck from the same distance. From 1,800 feet away, the noise level would be so negligible that it would not be retained."

Strongman pointed out that

at both ends of the run STOL aircraft would be taking off and landing over open water and would therefore not create any hazard, noise or danger to residential areas.

Urging the government to consider speedy implementation of the air link, Strongman said it could be the forerunner for a STOL system linking all areas of the province.

Davis told Strongman he was "close to the mark" with his suggestion for developing "third-level air carrier services."

He said the third level carriers are already providing great service in other areas of the province "and can provide even more with a little encouragement and help."

The minister said the province has already received a consultant's report "containing all the statistical data we need" on such services and is working on a report which will "tell us which routes" to adopt first.

Tax Changes Measured In Pennies

Finance Minister Evan Wolfe introduced minor amendments to the Income Tax Act Monday to bring provincial legislation in line with federal laws.

Wolfe told a news conference the amendments would increase the provincial tax to 46 per cent from 32.5 per cent of the federal tax, effective Jan. 1, 1977.

The federal tax, under the federal-provincial Fiscal Arrangement and Established Programmes Financing Act, would be reduced by the same amount.

The changes are the result of the ending of a federal-provincial agreement for cost-sharing on hospital, medicare, and post-secondary education costs.

Wolfe said the amendments will probably have an extremely minor effect on individual income tax and said the difference will be only a few pennies.

A-G to Check Facilities For Disturbed Juveniles

Attorney-General Garde Gardom said Monday he will find out what, if any, facilities are available in B.C. for the treatment of mentally disturbed juveniles who are connected with a crime.

But the issue may better rest with the ministry of health, he said.

"I don't really care whose jurisdiction it is, what is important is that (the juveniles) receive treatment from medical sources rather than law enforcement sources," Gardom said.

WORD NEXT WEEK ON GAS DELIVERY

An announcement on the delivery of natural gas to the United States is expected this week, Mines Minister Jim Chabot said Monday.

Chabot commented in an interview after a seven-hour meeting involving federal and provincial officials, members of Washington State government staff, representatives of the petroleum industry and pipeline companies, and representatives of the B.C. Energy Board and National Energy Board.

The meeting was called to discuss a bid by an Alberta company to ship surplus natural gas through B.C. to the northwestern U.S.

Alberta Energy Minister Don Getty said last Thursday

Gardom was commenting on two recent juvenile cases, one where a 16-year-old girl hanged herself in a Courtenay RCMP jail cell and the other where a 16-year-old Vancouver boy convicted of stabbing a young girl to death, has appeared six times for sentencing, but is put off each time because there is no appropriate facility for him.

The attorney-general said a preliminary report received earlier Monday on the Courtenay jail cell incident indicated that the girl, a runaway from a Parksville group home, was picked up by RCMP on March 16.

She admitted being involved with the slashing of tires and RCMP in Courtenay got in touch with human resources workers.

Provincial court Judge Alfred Scow granted permission for the RCMP to hold the girl until her court appearance.

Gardom said she was lodged in the jail cell at about 5:30 p.m. and matron checked her every 20 minutes.

At 1 a.m. she was found hanging in her cell, he said.

An inquest into the death has been tentatively set for May 5, Gardom said, and he will get a full report.

In the other case, where the 16-year-old Vancouver boy was convicted of stabbing 10-year-old Kelly McLean 47 times, Gardom said he knows of the sentencing problems.

"I know of some children in these circumstances who are sent out of the province," he said.

"But there does appear to be considerable difficulty in adequately placing children with severe mental problems."

Westcoast has an export permit to send gas to Oregon, Washington, and California but has fallen short of its commitments since 1974, when B.C. reduced exports to avoid a possible local short fall, said Monday's meeting brought the parties closer to agreement but added there were technicalities which must be worked out.

He said negotiations are continuing but refused to say where or exactly who is involved in them.

Marriage Property Change Suggested

EDMONTON (CP) — The Institute of Law Research and Reform has issued a report calling for a new act to provide guidelines for the division of matrimonial property in Alberta.

A new partition and sale act would provide for the division of real property of proceeds of sale among co-owners.

But the act would primarily affect the division of the matrimonial home by separating spouses, said a spokesman for the institute.

Recommendations presented to the provincial government lay down three remedies for more equitable division of matrimonial property.

Spouses could apply for a court order to have their

home partitioned, put up for sale or for sale by one spouse to the other at a price agreed upon before the judge.

First consideration would be given to the spouse who retains custody of the children.

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B.C. Bankruptcies Up

Business bankruptcies in B.C. increased 86 per cent in 1976, the Socred's first year in office, Victoria NDP MLA Charles Barber said Monday.

Barber, who said he was quoting recently-released federal government statistics, said the 1975-76 fiscal year produced a total of 190 business bankruptcies in the province, compared to a total of 397 in the first 11 months of the 1976-77 fiscal year which ends March 31.

The figures were brought up during questioning period in the legislature when Barber asked Economic Development Minister Don Phillips what he was doing to keep Victoria's Oakland Industries open and its 300 employees working.

The fish plant has been in a precarious financial position for some time, but a scheme

worked out earlier this year with the help of the provincial ministry of economic development has kept it open until at least after the end of the current herring season.

Phillips said the B.C. Development Corp., the Crown corporation responsible for helping small businesses, is monitoring Oakland and is willing to do anything it can to keep the operation going.

Phillips also said it takes a company a long time to go broke and suggested that this year's 397 bankruptcies "started on the road to failure during the three years of the NDP."

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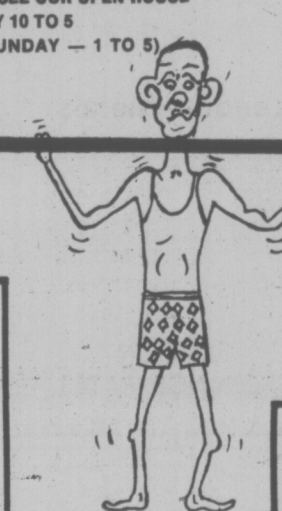
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Two Drag Body: Witness

A Crown witness in the recent Ross murder trial told a Victoria county judge Monday of seeing a second man help move the body of Malcolm Preston Cunningham on Nov. 1, 1975.

Rodney K. M. Steigenberger, 23, was testifying at the trial of Russell Benjamin Mutter, 22, of 2569 Dingwall, Duncan, who is charged with perjury in connection with testimony at a preliminary hearing June 2, 1976, on a charge of murder against David John Ross.

Ross was subsequently tried and convicted of killing Cunningham and is appealing the B.C. Supreme Court verdict.

A jury at Nanaimo deliberated five hours before finding Ross guilty of the so-called contract killing in which a 30-calibre rifle was used to shoot Cunningham in brush off Humpback Road.

At the opening of the perjury trial before Judge M.L.T. Drake, the Crown entered a transcript of evidence given by Mutter at the preliminary hearing in which he denied having been with Ross or having helped to move a body.

Mutter's transcript evidence also denied that he attended the place on a power line road with Steigenberger and Ross. Prosecutor A. A. Petronio asked official court reporter Dennis Pearce to read from the transcript at designated places.

At one point in the preliminary hearing Mutter was asked if Ross had said: "No body talks, or they (meaning you and Steigenberger) will end up like him (meaning the body)." Pearce said the parentheses were his but the words they contained were those of the prosecutor at the time.

Mutter's reply was "No." The transcript also showed Mutter was asked if Ross said, "If I don't get you somebody else will. I have lots of friends."

And Mutter's reply in the transcript was again, "No."

Steigenberger was called to the witness stand and admitted a criminal record dating from 1972 with convictions for offences ranging from impaired driving to false pretences, forgery, robbery, theft, breaking and entering, wilful damage and escaping custody, and sentences from 14 days to 18 months.

He said he was with Mutter on Nov. 1, 1975, when they drove up to a house on Skinner Street where Ross was standing outside.

Ross and Mutter had a conversation about a gun and a drug ripoff, Steigenberger said. He quoted Mutter as saying he did not want to lend a gun for any kind of drug ripoff because it might come back on him.

But Ross, he said, replied that Mutter shouldn't worry because "this guy isn't coming back."

The witness described the passing of a 30-calibre M1 carbine from Mutter to Ross. But before he stepped into the

house, Steigenberger said he saw Cunningham and a man he subsequently learned was Gordon Caldwell sitting in a blue Mustang in a nearby driveway.

From where he was standing in the house he was able to see the Mustang drive off, Steigenberger said.

Later, he said, he and Mutter went looking for Ross because Mutter was concerned about the gun. They eventually found Ross later that night and there was some conversation about whether the gun had been used, Steigenberger said.

He said Ross nodded. Still later, he said he and Mutter got into Ross's blue Mustang and drove to Goldstream.

"We were going to observe that the gun had been used," Steigenberger said.

When they got to a place off the railway tracks and powerline road, the car was turned around and "the headlights shone on a body lying face down in front of the vehi-

cle. "We, the three of us, got out of the vehicle and went forward of the vehicle to where the body was lying," the witness said.

He said he recognized the body as that of Malcolm Cunningham when Ross turned it over and began going through the pockets.

Steigenberger said he noted one perforation in the body's white shirt and what looked like bloodstains.

"I then backed up, away from the body," he said.

There followed more conversation with Mutter, and then Ross and Mutter dragged the body "sideways toward the railway tracks," the witness said.

He told of going with Ross and Mutter to 2605 Sooke Road where a fire was set in an incinerator and some articles were put in by Ross and Mutter. They all cleaned mud from their shoes, he said, and tried to remove bloodstains from Ross' trousers.

When they drove back to town, Ross was let off at a Pine Street address and the others went back to Skinner.

Steigenberger said he next went to the place where he had seen the body in company with RCMP in May of last year after being picked up for parole violation. He said he gave crown evidence at the preliminary and at the murder trial and that he acted as Crown witness in another, unrelated matter.

He is not now in custody, he told defence counsel Gordon Hayes in cross-examination.

He also said he had changed a statement he made to police, and agreed with the defence that one statement made no reference to what he described seeing at Goldstream.

He said this was because he had agreed with Mutter he would not give evidence about going to see the body.

Hayes asked if the witness was charged with anything in connection with the Ross matter, and Steigenberger said no.

Flamenco Artist To Perform

Flamenco music which derives from Spanish gypsy sources, has not been written music until recently. Improvisation is the essence of flamenco. For Carlos Montoya, one of the most famous of contemporary flamenco guitarists, the music comes from the heart and soul.

But before anyone jumps to the conclusion that flamenco is a totally improvisational art, Montoya points out that there are very strict rules of rhythm and certain characteristic chord patterns governing its performance.

"Before one can attempt to improvise, it is necessary to be a complete master of the rigorous discipline inherent in the form itself," says the artist.

Montoya will give a single performance at the McPherson Playhouse Friday at 8:30 p.m. under the banner of Allen Houghton International Attractions.

Communication Breakdown By B.C. Tel, Hearing Told

B.C. Telephone Co. doesn't do a very good job communicating with its customers, a Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission hearing was told Monday night.

Jean Kilgour, of North Pender Island, said the company should have to provide more details on its billing forms of how it calculates the telephone service charges.

She also said the rate structure should be simplified by using flat rates in rural areas now subject to complicated differentials.

Kilgour made her comments during the second of four CRTC regional hearings into B.C. Tel's application for a rate increase of about 15 per cent on most monthly charges.

The hearing, which attracted only 15 people, was held to

hear from people who could not get to the more formal central hearings in Vancouver.

Kilgour told hearing chairman Stewart McPherson that B.C. Tel should include in its phone books the information necessary for subscribers to assess why they are paying certain rates.

Fellowes Hewett of Victoria, in his fifth brief on B.C. Tel rate increases since 1972, said there are hidden sur-

charges on long distance rates.

Wayne McIntyre, B.C. Tel representative, said both intervenors had made valid points which merited company consideration.

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JOHNNY WILSON NAMED TO COACH TEAM CANADA

TORONTO (CP) — Johnny Wilson, a veteran of 15 National Hockey League seasons as a player and coach, has been named head coach of Team Canada '77.

In announcing the appointment of the Colorado Rockies coach to handle Canada's representative at the world hockey championship in Vienna next month, Team Canada chairman Alan Eagleson said Monday that Wilson's "work this year with the Rockies made him our choice."

Eagleson said he consulted

with team general manager Derek Holmes and Bill Waters, assistant general manager, and several candidates were discussed. However, there was unanimous agreement Monday morning to approach Wilson.

"We were unable to approach him until his team was officially eliminated," Eagleson added.

Wilson, a native of Kinross, Ont., began his coaching career in 1963 with Ottawa Montagnards, a senior team, following 11 years in the NHL with Detroit Red Wings, Chi-

cago Blackhawks, Toronto Maple Leafs and New York Rangers.

In 1967, he joined Springfield of the American Hockey League in the joint capacity of coach and general manager.

He was summoned by the parent Los Angeles Kings as interim coach in 1970 following the firing of Hal Laycoe, but returned to Springfield the next season.

Wilson coached the Red Wings during the 1971-72 and 1972-73 seasons. His brother Larry now holds that position.



JOHNNY WILSON
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Seattle Slew Flew, But Back in the Barn...

The weekend in review:

Seattle Slew really played 'em in the Flamingo Stakes at Hialeah, Fla., Saturday. It wasn't so much the final margin of victory — four lengths — that was so impressive because Seattle Slew was only breezing at the wire. But it was the manner in which he drew away from the field in the middle of the race that perhaps stamped him with a mark of greatness previously reserved for Secretariat. The fractions were extremely fast for the first three-quarters of the mile and one-eighth distance. When French jockey Jean Crugnet said afterwards that Seattle Slew could have run faster, the question must remain: how much faster? ... Certainly he didn't need his blinding speed to beat Saturday's field. However, things could change by the time the Kentucky Derby rolls around.

For, as good as Seattle Slew appears to be, there's a horse in the barn at Santa Anita, that may yet ask the question of the Northwest speedster. The feeling among horsemen is that J. O. Tobin will handle many of the top colts on the continent when he finally gets to the track in the afternoon. His morning drills have been just great. His trainer says it's "ridiculous, the ease with which he runs". J. O. Tobin is a son of Never Bend and was England's top-weighted juvenile on the 1976 Free Handicap. It is said he possesses as much quality speed as Seattle Slew. J. O. Tobin didn't run in Sunday's Santa Anita Derby, which was won by Habibity. But he is being pointed towards the Triple Crown, nonetheless.

The curling season wound down on the weekend with the 25th anniversary event at the Victoria Curling Club and it was undoubtedly a success for all the participants, even those who didn't win. And it may be considered fitting that the Wayne Station rink won the major event, because this is more a typical curl rink than the Consols' type of competitor. And it was nice to see Pat Thompson out of retirement for the occasion. One bonspiel a season, and a first-place finish. That's not hard to take, is it Pat? So congratulations to all the winners, chairman John Innes and the VCC executive. It was a job well done, and a personal note of thanks to Don Moss, and his crew of Bill Wightman and Al Macfarlane for allowing another rink to continue. Ah well, and if most people were pulling for Tony Guttski, Bill Dunstan, Gary Leibel and Dale Dalziel, for old-time's sake, it just wasn't to be. Close, but not close enough, was the final story. But speaking of veterans, Gene Koster and Don MacRae of Nanaimo (and their two sons) came through as champions (Canadian seniors, 1970) should, and won an event. ... It was a fun week.

Meanwhile, the Vancouver Island All-Stars showed coach Eckhart Krautman of the Vancouver Whitecaps a touch of class on Saturday with a 1-0 decision over the North American Soccer League team in the annual charity match between the two sides. ... And Krautman was favorably impressed. "I give them full marks," he said. "They adapted better to the conditions, were direct and only faded briefly towards half-time when we should have scored at least two goals."

Then he added: "There are some fine players here in Victoria." Which is praise well earned and a feather in the cap of the Victorians.

In golf, the victory of Graham Marsh, the Australian international veteran, but a rookie on the U.S. tour, had to be expected sooner or later, but maybe not the way it happened on Sunday. Marsh, who joined the U.S. circuit this season, has in all his previous tournament but one, finished in the top 10. So, understandably, it was just a matter of time until he forged to the front. Sunday, he didn't exactly "forge" because Tom Watson helped immeasurably by blowing himself out of the lead. Even then Tom was only one stroke back and likely will get over another big disappointment. After all, he still is this year's leading money winner. So add Marsh to the list of new names among U.S. winners. It's growing.

And otherwise, Vancouver Canucks, who had to go 10 games without defeat to get in playoff contention before getting bombed Saturday by Philadelphia, still have their work cut out to get into the playoffs. ... They have three games remaining, all at home, against Los Angeles, Colorado and Minnesota. Canucks are three points behind second-place Chicago and tied with Minnesota. Which sounds great. But the North Stars have one game in hand. ... and, from here, it could all boil down to that season's finale next Sunday at Pacific Coliseum when they meet head on.

And wasn't that NCAA basketball playoff action on the tube just great. And so close. It's too bad it's all over. Now, we'll have to settle for those plain, methodical pros. The abilities of these basketballers never ceases to amaze this observer, especially the shooting and the way they manage to survive that heavy weather under the hoop. A non-contact sport? Think again.

Cheshire Selects Test Junior Tide

International competition will be on tap for youthful Vancouver Island rugby players during the next three weeks.

With Monmouth of Wales, a winner over Claremont High School in the club's opening exhibition encounter, already in the province, the schedule becomes more crowded this week as another touring side steps into action.

Monmouth was slated for a match today at Port Alberni and will be in Duncan Thursday for a 3 p.m. game against the Cowichan under-19s.

Cheshire Selects, a team picked from the British equivalent of 30 high schools, will meet the Junior Crimson Tide at Royal Athletic Park, Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

On Sunday, the Cheshire team will meet the James Bay Juniors at Macdonald Park at 2:30 p.m.

On April 12, Spoons of England will meet the Cowichan under-19s at Duncan. The following day, the visitors will play at Port Alberni and on April 15, Spoons will meet the Victoria Selects at Royal Athletic Park at 7:30 p.m.



FRANK LUCCHESI

PRO HOOP POOL HITS NEW HIGH

NEW YORK (AP) — A record playoff pool of \$1,150,000 has been announced by Lawrence O'Brien, commissioner of the National Basketball Association.

The top six teams in the Eastern and Western conferences will qualify for the playoffs and will share in the pool. The team with the highest percentage in each conference will receive \$30,000, with the highest percentage team in the league getting an additional \$50,000.

Winning teams in the first

round of the playoffs will receive \$20,000 while the losers get \$17,500. Conference semi-final winners will earn \$37,500 and the losers will take home \$28,750.

The conference champions will receive \$50,000 with the losers getting \$35,000 and the NBA champions will earn \$150,000 while the runners-up get \$1,000.

If the team with the highest percentage during the regular season goes on to win the championship, it would receive \$337,500.

Parker Has the Talent To Grab Triple Crown

By The Associated Press
Pittsburgh's Dave Parker says he would like to win baseball's triple crown before his career is over.

The idea of leading the National League in batting average, home runs and runs batted in—all in the same year—has been the realm of imagination for most players. But not the slugging Pittsburgh Pirates outfielder who combines power, speed and a good batting eye.

"One of these years, I'm going to hit a lot of home runs," said Parker. "That's the year I can win the triple crown. I know I'm capable of hitting .350 and driving in a lot of runs."

Parker hit .313 with 13

home runs and 90 RBIs last year and looked to be in mid-season form in an exhibition game Monday. He belted a home run, a double and two singles, driving in four runs, to lead the Pirates past Chicago White Sox 6-4 in 12 innings.

Parker's fifth home run of the spring came in the ninth inning and tied the score, 3-3. The Pirates scored in the top of the 11th on Bill Robinson's sacrifice fly, but the White Sox tied it in the bottom of the inning on Bob Coluccio's RBI double.

Parker then drilled a two-run double in the 12th to win it.

It was a big day for hitting all around the exhibition circuit.

Milwaukee collected 22 hits off four Cleveland pitchers in posting a 16-9 victory, reaching Indians starter Jim Bibby for 12 hits and 11 earned runs in less than two innings. The Brewers belted five homers, two of them by Sixto Lezcano including a grand slam.

Bobby Valentine's three-run blast highlighted a six-run eighth inning that lifted San Diego Padres past California Angels 11-10. Darrell Evans and Willie McCovey hit two-run homers in San Francisco Giants' 8-5 victory over Seattle Mariners and Roger Freed's three-run shot in the seventh inning helped St. Louis Cardinals beat Cincinnati Reds 7-5.

Ed Goodson's two-run homer keyed a seven-run rally in the eighth inning that carried Los Angeles Dodgers past New York Mets 9-8 and Jim Rice's three-run homer paced Boston Red Sox to a 4-2 victory over Toronto Blue Jays.

Jim Sundberg's ninth-inning homer gave Texas Rangers a

North Stars, Canucks Head for Showdown

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (AP) — Minnesota North Stars must play each of their four remaining regular-season games "like it's the seventh game of the Stanley Cup," says Ted Harris, coach of the National Hockey League club.

Such was the case Monday night as Minnesota edged St. Louis Blues 5-4 to move into a tie with Vancouver Canucks for third place and the final playoff spot in the Smythe Division.

"I was worried about this game all bloody day and that's the way it's going to be the rest of the schedule," Harris said after beating the division-leading Blues. "We need three out of the last four to make the playoffs."

The North Stars close their

home schedule Tuesday against Cleveland Barons, then go on the road for games at Detroit on Thursday, in Los Angeles on Saturday and at Vancouver for a crucial Sunday match-up.

"We just have to take it game by game, play each game like it's the seventh and final game of the Stanley Cup," Harris said.

Rookies Alex Pirus and Glen Sharpley scored 49 seconds apart in the final minute of the second period to rally Minnesota to victory.

St. Louis pulled goalie Ed Johnston in favor of a sixth attacker in the final minute of a scoreless third period, but could not score.

The North Stars took a 3-1 first-period lead on goals by Ernie Hicke, Bill Fairbairn and Tom Youngblood, while Bernie Federko countered for the Blues.

Bob Hess and Brian Sutter each scored their fourth goals of the season 23 seconds apart early in the second period to tie it for St. Louis.

Former North Star Claude Larose scored an unassisted goal at 18:12 to put the Blues ahead briefly, but Pirus drilled his 18th goal at 19:05 and Sharpley followed with the game winner, his 25th of the season, with just six seconds left in the period.

PLAYER ATTACKS LUCCHESI

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) —

Disgruntled second baseman, Lenny Randle punched his way out of a job Monday, decking his Texas Rangers manager, Frank Lucchesi, with what one witness called "a vicious attack" that left Lucchesi in a hospital with a concussion and a fractured cheekbone.

Randle had been disheartened about losing the second base job to rookie Bump Wills. He said he walked over to Lucchesi on the field before an exhibition game to talk

about it and Lucchesi referred to him as a "punk."

Randle decked Lucchesi with one punch, a witness said, then continued to rain blows on the 46-year-old manager. Shortstop Bert Campaneris broke up the altercation and outfielder Ken Henderson had to be restrained by team-mates from going after Randle.

"I had one hand in my pocket and the other one by my side," Lucchesi said from a hospital bed. "I was looking down at the ground. I never saw or knew what hit me."

Later, a subdued Randle

told sportswriters: "I never thought it would come to this. I'm just not that kind of person."

Ranger owner Brad Corbett suspended Randle when he learned of the incident. The 28-year-old Randle's suspension will be the subject of a hearing among Ranger executives.

"My only wish is that I was 10 years younger so I could handle this situation myself," Lucchesi said.

Doctors admitted Lucchesi to hospital for at least 24 hours. They said he suffered a cerebral concussion, a triple

fracture of the cheekbone that may require plastic surgery, a lacerated lip and an undetermined back injury.

Randle changed to street clothes after the fight and watched the Rangers beat Minnesota Twins 6-5 in an exhibition contest.

Lucchesi said he never referred to Randle as a "punk" — the word Randle said prompted the fistfight.

Randle is starting the second year of an \$80,000-a-year contract.

Lucchesi refused to say whether he will press charges.

Hawks Whip Chiefs In Portland Brawl

Tony Currie tied a club goal-scoring record and goal-keeper Bart Hunter turned in a fine performance in goal as Portland Winter Hawks skated to a 10-2 penalty-filled Western Canada Hockey League victory over Kamloops Chiefs at Portland Monday night.

Currie raised his goal output this season to 73, tying Darcy Rota's mark set in the 1972-73 season.

Kamloops took a 1-0 lead on Ryan Hatfield's goal in the first period, marked by 249 minutes in penalties, including 221 in a bench-emptying brawl in which seven players from each team were ejected from the game at the 16:44 mark.

The Winter Hawks exploded for six goals in the second period, two by Wayne Babych and one each by Dave Hatheway, Blake Wesley, Barry Brown and Currie, to lead 6-1.

Hatheway, Brent Peterson, and two goals by Currie finished the Portland scoring in the third period while Hatfield netted his second goal of the night at the 10:10 mark, the only goal scored against Hunter, who was making his first appearance this season for Portland.

A total of 301 minutes in penalties was assessed by referee Barry La Valley. Portland was whistled for 18 minors, nine majors, one misconduct and seven game misconducts, while the Chiefs were called for 15 minors.

eight majors and seven game misconducts.

Winnipeg Monarchs and Lethbridge Broncos were supposed to meet Monday night in Lethbridge but the game was cancelled because of a spring storm that left almost 40 centimetres of snow on the ground and had winds in excess of 80 kilometres an hour. The game will be played Wednesday in Lethbridge.

New Westminster will be at Victoria, Winnipeg at Medicine Hat and Elm Flon at Saskatoon in games tonight.

Playoffs will open on three fronts Thursday night. Victoria will be at New Westminster, Medicine Hat will host Calgary Centennials and Lethbridge will play at Saskatoon.

ATLANTA (AP) — For a

team that was going nowhere earlier this season, Marquette Warriors certainly ended up in the right place.

Marquette reversed its field at just the right time and followed its own yellow brick road to the top of the college basketball world.

Coch Al McGuire couldn't explain it—he could only enjoy it after Monday night's 67-59 victory over North Carolina gave him the national championship in his last game as a college coach.

"I honestly don't know what happened to our team," said McGuire after winning his first National Collegiate Athletic Association championship. "Maybe they stopped listening to the coach."

McGuire, who is retiring from basketball to go into private business, never thought he would be at the NCAA playoffs this year, much less be wearing the winner's crown.

North Carolina, which got several easy shots with its four-corner offence during Saturday's semi-final victory over Nevada-Las Vegas, simply could not do the same thing against Marquette.

Butch Lee finished with 19 points for Marquette and Jim Boylan and Bo Ellis had 14 each, while Jerome Whitehead contributed 11 rebounds.

Walter Davis led North Carolina with 20 points and Mike O'Koren had 14.

Marquette's victory had added impact because of the team's erratic season. The Warriors lost seven games this season and no other NCAA champion in history can claim that dubious distinction.

Two titles at stake in Wednesday Battle

Two first places could be decided Wednesday when UVic Vikings and Victoria West battle in the final match of the regular season in the Vancouver Island Soccer League's premier division.

John Leier of Vikings holds the individual scoring lead with 15 goals, but Mike Sails of Wests trails by only two goals and still looms as a threat to catch Leier.

Dan Henry of Gorge Molsons occupies third place on the scoring ladder with 11 goals.

Wests and Victoria Athletic are deadlocked for first place, each with 25 points. Athletics would take the league title if Wests lose because of a better win-loss record.

But either a win or a tie against Vikings would give Wests the crown.

HOCKEY LEADERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE
(Excluding game Monday night)

Lefkowitz (Mtl)	54	76	130	29
Cloutier (Q)	46	64	111	28
Shutt (Mtl)	36	44	100	26
Perrault (Bos)	36	50	93	30
MacLennan (Pha)	27	44	81	42
Rattelle (Bos)	32	27	89	18
Young (Mtl)	27	41	87	22
McDonald (Tor)	44	49	89	70
Sittler (Tor)	35	37	75	89
McNab (Bos)	37	48	85	31
Clark (Pha)	37	38	85	33
Robinson (Mtl)	19	44	73	43
Esposito (Nyr)	34	45	79	50
Salting (Tor)	17	34	61	34
D. Polvin (Nyr)	25	55	77	101
Turris (Tor)	22	53	77	101
Charron (Wash)	35	41	75	10
Goring (LA)	28	37	75	82
Falenstam (Colo)	38	37	75	82
Gilbert (Nyr)	26	48	74	48
Lysak (Atl)	4	26	74	22
Lapointe (Mtl)	23	31	74	51
Lemieux (Mtl)	4	26	74	50
Marok (Cle)	28	44	72	46
Williams (LA)	33	36	71	12

WORLD ASSOCIATION

Cloutier (Q)	6	72	136	30
Hedberg (Weg)	66	27	118	58
Nilsen (Weg)	35	77	113	35
Florko (Phx)	47	58	107	65
Torrell (Q)	49	58	107	65
C. Borjesson (Q)	32	75	107	34
Ledez (Cin)	40	54	106	76
Lacroix (SD)	30	70	100	72
Stoughton (Cin)	48	49	97	70
Napier (Bir)	58	34	92	24

Split Over Olympic Rule

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (UPI) — Delegates from the national Olympic committees of 81 nations split Monday over the issue of how to keep politics out of future Olympic Games.

Meeting for the first time since Montreal when 29 African countries walked out of the games on the instructions of their governments, the national Olympic committees were attempting to draft a new rule to define the relationship between a govern-

ment and its country's Olympic athletes.

A spokesman for the committee said a compromise would have to be worked out for presentation later this week to the International Olympic Committee's nine-member executive board.

At stake is the IOC's rule which states that all national Olympic committees must be completely independent and autonomous and must resist

all political pressure.

Several countries want the IOC to rewrite the rule so that governments can directly help their national Olympic committees financially and in other ways without giving the government control over its affairs and dictating its sports policy at the Olympics.

"We would be glad to accept government help but we must make sure governments do not control sportsmen and use them for political purposes as a result," said

Walter Troeger, secretary general of the West German Olympic committee.

African delegates said the Montreal games had shown it was impossible for some national Olympic committees to act independently of their governments. It was therefore hypocritical of the IOC to expect them to be free. The rule, which was being broken all the time anyway, should be changed.

COUGAR Hockey

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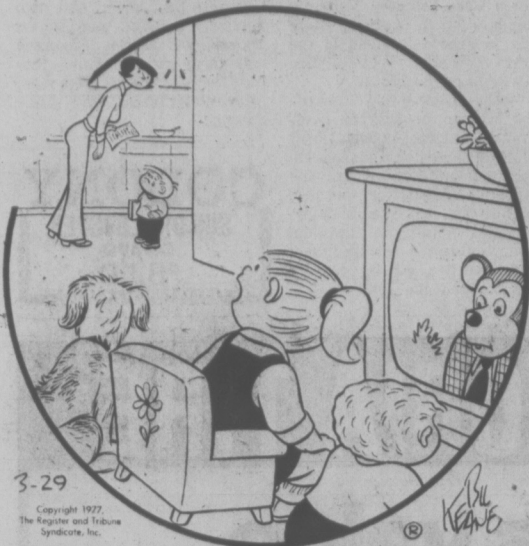
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DENNIS THE MENACE

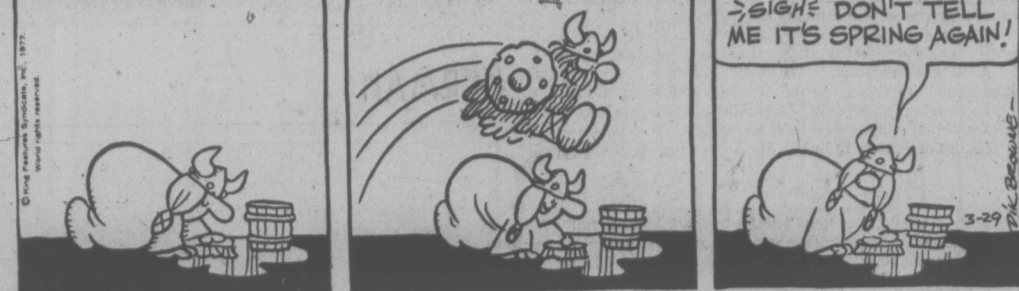


"Well, if you can't find anything to eat, you better come out before you catch cold."

CATHY



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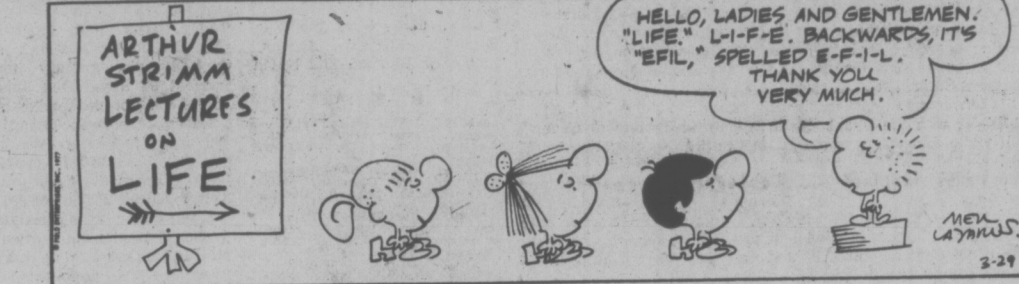
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The Bridge Expert

By FRED KARPIN

Had today's deal been played in a rubber-bridge game, South's game contract would have been fulfilled by every bridge player in the world. But when it arose in a duplicate game, most of the South declarers went down because they adopted the proper duplicate percentage play. The hand illustrates the difference between rubbers-bridge thinking, and duplicate thinking.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ 97532	♠ KQ	♠ J	♠ KQ
♥ Q3	♥ A107	♥ 986432	♥ A107
♦ A J 875	♦ K76542	♦ 109	♦ K76542
♣ Q1094	♣ K2	♣ 1094	♣ K2

The bidding:
East-South West North
1 ♦ 1 ♠ Pass 4 ♦
Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Ten of ♠.

West's opening lead of the diamond ten was covered by dummy's queen and East's king. South won the trick with his ace. He then laid down the

ace of trumps, felling the jack and queen, and leaving only the high king outstanding.

At rubber bridge, there would be no problem: declarer would simply concede a spade, a heart and a club, to fulfill his contract. But at duplicate bridge, with scoring being on a relative basis, an overtrick can be as important as the game itself; and if the odds are very favorable, the safety of the game contract should properly be jeopardized to try for an overtrick.

The issue was, of course: who figures to have the nine of diamonds? If East has that card, then dummy can be entered via the club ace, to lead dummy's remaining diamond with South's eight-spot being finessed. Then, on the diamond ace, dummy's singleton heart can be discarded, thus eliminating the heart loser.

Now, honestly, doesn't East, who bid diamonds, figure to possess the nine of diamonds? Wouldn't West have led the diamond ten from the doubleton 10-2, the 10-4, the 10-6 or the 10-7?

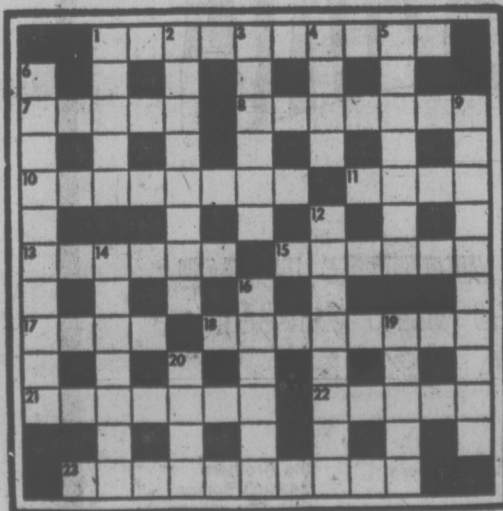
So, at trick three, declarer entered dummy via the ace of clubs, and inserted his eight-spot after East had followed suit with the deuce. As is apparent, West captured this trick with the nine. And so the defenders cashed four tricks, one in each suit, to defeat the contract.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ANSWERS TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

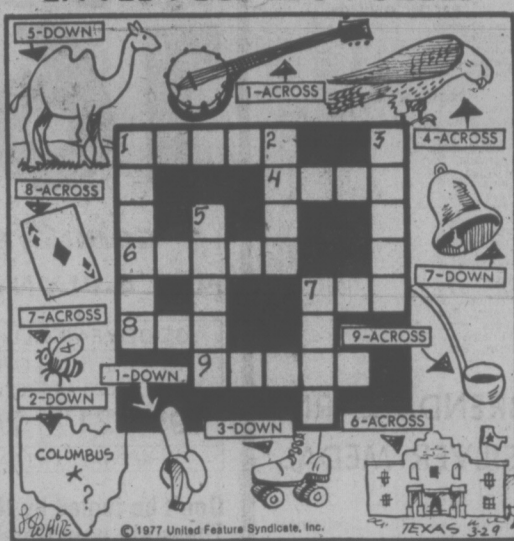
ACROSS		DOWN	
19 Vet	5 Blanche	11 Patronize	13 Elope
6 Lambast	21 Beast	14 Conquer	16 Fever
7 Drill	22 Granted	18 Mark	20 Inn
9 Ate	10 Returning	12 Takes flight	15 Four-posters
12 Takes flight	15 Four-posters	17 Moonbeams	4 Frontiers

ACROSS		DOWN	
1 Excellent start at school? (5-5)	1 In life ignorance may make one pretend (5)	2 Found the answer again, being determined (8)	3 A long speech from one in business (6)
7 We have to be careful to take them (5)	4 Naval port (4)	5 A Parliamentary term? (7)	6 They presumably hope not to miss the post (10)
8 It's not a positive answer (7)	9 A chance one is fortunate to get (5, 5)	10 People may have to put up with her (8)	11 Scrap an aged golf club (3, 4)
10 People may have to put up with her (8)	12 Talks to many head tradesmen (8)	13 Such a shop is somewhat limited (6)	14 Scrap an aged golf club (3, 4)
11 An element of jazz in classical music (4)	15 Sea air? (6)	12 Takes good steps not to have to walk in the streets (7)	16 Domestic service (3-3)
13 Such a shop is somewhat limited (6)	18 It's not right having more surplus (4, 4)	17 Barely visible (4)	19 Its failure will make one speechless (5)
15 Sea air? (6)	21 Takes good steps not to have to walk in the streets (7)	19 Its failure will make one speechless (5)	20 Thought I'd get an early start (4)
18 It's not right having more surplus (4, 4)	22 In the border I can grow heather (5)	23 If your words are this, you won't want to eat them! (2, 3, 5)	



ANSWER TOMORROW

LITTLE PEOPLE'S PUZZLE



ANSWERS: ACROSS-1. BANJO, 2. BELL, 3. SKATE, 4. HAWK, 5. CAMEL, 6. ALAMO, 7. BEG, 8. ACE, 9. LADLE, 10. BANYAN, 11. OHIO, 12. BELT, 13. SKATE, 14. HAWK, 15. CAMEL, 16. ALAMO, 17. BEG, 18. ACE, 19. LADLE, 20. BANYAN, 21. OHIO, 22. BELT, 23. SKATE, 24. HAWK, 25. CAMEL.

YOUR HOROSCOPE

By SYDNEY OMARE
Astrological Forecast for Wednesday, March 30

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Nothing is lukewarm. You're inextricably involved! Creativity, affection, special relationship—these dominate. One who depends upon you shows appreciation. One you are attracted to returns the compliment. Your style draws people to you, arouses envy, resentment, excitement and controversy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Study Aries message. Your style, method is discussed, weighed, judged. Stick to principles. Commit ideas, concepts to writing. Be ready for change, travel, variety. Member of opposite sex makes no secret of fascination with you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Short trip, message from relative—these are high on agenda. Domestic adjustment is featured. Taurus, Libra and Scorpio figure prominently. Basic issues dominate. Someone close to you has a problem and would like to place burden on your shoulders. If you so permit, you're a fool!

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be discerning—see places, people as they are, not merely as you wish they might exist. Pisces, Virgo figure in picture. Check resources, review, be more aware of budget—count your change. Long-distance travel, plan or "dream" commands more-than-usual attention.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You've issued challenges, requested more authority, responsibility—now the pressure is evident. You have power, strength, backing from one in authority. Know that you don't stand alone—then proceed to imprint style, policy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Build bridges of trust, goodwill; find out who can do what and when they are capable of doing it. Become familiar with material at hand. Basic issues dominate. Reach beyond current expectations. Humanitarian deed will reflect credit on you. Aid one who has loved you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Creative endeavors, romance—these are spotlighted. Emotional responses dominate logic. Impulse rules. Know it and wait for another time to tackle details. Member of opposite sex is very much in picture. You could meet the "love of your life!"

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may feel pulled in two directions. Key is to choose path of security, without stifling creative process. Aquarian is in picture. Some degree of unorthodoxy is necessary. You will be in driver's seat. How far you go is up to you. Do not engage in "office politics!"

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be willing to experiment; stress versatility. Learn something new. Open lines of communication. You meet interesting people at social affair. Keep track of expenditures. You have right to an accounting, especially where published material is concerned.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You receive answers from one in position of authority. This is a down-to-business period. People have evaluated your credit, credits, track record, potential. You've been computerized! Taxes, financial status of partner, mate also figure in picture.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Check legal documents. Be perfectly clear about standing, commitments. If single, you could seriously be contemplating marriage. Gemini, Leo, Virgo figure prominently. Older friend will share, offer benefit of experience.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): One you met in hospital, or during journey comes back into your life. Results can be pleasant, productive. Accent on pressure, employment, health, sharing interests with one temporarily handicapped. You receive a gift, a token of appreciation—and affection.

IF MARCH 30th IS YOUR BIRTHDAY you are sensitive, active and have fine sense of humor. You are fond of food, travel and are very conscious of physical appearance. Gemini, Sagittarius persons play important roles in your life. You'll travel this year—May and September should be memorable months. You are artistic, have unique original way of getting ideas across, of expressing yourself. You are capable of laughing at your own foibles. You are a sworn enemy of pomposity. You are rid of a burden—you'll be happier in 1977.

FUN WITH FIGURES

By J. A. H. HUNTER

Each distinct letter in this addition stands for a particular but different digit. It's easy enough to do, although this could be quite a problem for some. What do you make of SKIDS?

SKI CLUB BUS
SKIDS

Thanks to C. R. Jenkins, Toronto, Ont.
(Answer tomorrow)
Yesterday's answer: The time was 3:43 p.m.

Bermuda Triangle Joint Study Set

MOSCOW — Nine Soviet research ships will participate in a joint Soviet-U.S. experiment this June concerning ocean currents in the notorious Bermuda Triangle, Tass said Monday.

A number of ships and airplanes have disappeared without a trace in this Atlantic Ocean area, leading to much speculation, including best seller books on the mystery.

Tass said a Soviet research team in the Atlantic has "discovered powerful whirl formations reaching the size of hundreds of kilometers and resembling the cyclones in the terrestrial atmosphere."

The news agency said these formations spread in the water from its surface to a depth of several thousand meters.

"It is in that period that Soviet oceanographers put forward a hypothesis that such powerful current as the Gulf Stream is a permanently moving whirl structure," Tass said.

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Titanic Endeavor Planned

LONDON — A London engineer said today that he hopes to survey later this year the wreck of the ocean liner Titanic, which sank in the North Atlantic 65 years ago, and eventually raise it for the salvage value he estimates at \$136 million.

Douglas Woolley, 40, said he is on the verge of obtaining about \$10-million backing from financiers in West Berlin and Australia. He refused to give details.

The ship struck an iceberg on its maiden voyage April 12, 1912, and sank with the loss of 1,500 lives.

Woolley said he has wanted to raise the ship since he was 15 and that previous attempts had been foiled by misleading publicity and broken contracts.

He said the Titanic would be lifted by an untried method called electrolysis.

A powerful electric current passed through the hull would turn the seawater to hydrogen gas and float the ship to the surface, he said.

It might be up to five years before the ship was lifted, he said.

Phillips Fined

MAIDENHEAD, England — Capt. Mark Phillips, husband of Princess Anne — who was fined for speeding two months ago — pleaded guilty Tuesday to driving 91 miles an hour in a 50-m.p.h. zone.

A court fined him £30 (\$54). Police Inspector John McHarry told the court a motorcycle officer stopped Phillips' powerful Rover automobile Feb. 11 on a freeway west of London, just three weeks after the princess was fined £40 (\$72) on a charge of speeding at more than 96 miles an hour.

Phillips was not in court, but the prosecution read a letter in which he pleaded guilty.

They Wanted Me Dead—Accused

SURREY — A Hayward, California woman, acquitted Monday of kidnapping in the abduction of a two-week-old baby last September, said other prisoners in the detention centre where she was held "wanted me dead."

Rene Conley, 21, said the acquittal was "great. I don't believe it's all over with."

Conley said she had been attacked by other prisoners at the Lower Mainland Regional Correctional Centre, where she was held during her trial, and prison authorities were forced to place her in solitary confinement.

"They called me 'baby snatcher' and 'kidnapper' and asked me if I'd ever tried

suicide," said Conley. "They offered me razor blades and ropes to hang myself. I got the impression they wanted me dead."

Surrey provincial court judge William Selbie, in dismissing two counts of kidnapping against Conley, said it was not necessary for him to believe the accused's story,

but there was sufficient evidence to raise a reasonable doubt of her guilt.

Judge Selbie ruled it was Sandra Ann Hanoum, also of Hayward, who kidnapped Cameron Green from the Greens' Surrey home. Hanoum is in California, fighting extradition to Canada to stand trial.

Judge Selbie rejected Crown evidence that Conley was seen driving around the area of the Green home in a vehicle bearing Washington state plates at the time Hanoum was inside the Green home abducting the child at knifepoint.

Welk Has the Seniors Bubbling people

ESCONDIDO, Calif. — Some residents of a local trailer park had harsh words for landlord Lawrence Welk when they received notices raising their rent by as much as 42 per cent.

"The senior citizens have made Lawrence Welk all 40 million of us," Jose Moss, 69, a retired interior decorator, said. "He owes everything he's got to the senior citizens who like his music, and we expect more of him than this."

Welk, who was away on tour, sometimes spends weekends in a trailer home in the park in San Diego County.

Welk's Lennon Sisters and executive vice-president of Welk's Teleken Productions Inc., said inflation and the need for a reasonable profit led to the increases in monthly rentals to between \$147.50 and \$210 for the 200 mobile home sites.

school convocation, said he will share the writing of the screenplay with several others. One suggestion, he said, is that the sequel be called Roots: The Second Hundred Years.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Comedian Bob Hope cracked one-liners about Billy Graham and Elvis Presley in entertaining a crowd of 3,500 persons during a 90-minute benefit for two local theological schools. On playing golf with Graham, Hope said: "I was putting and the hole healed up."

On Presley, the 73-year-old Hope said: "I know cotton is king here and Elvis Presley is emperor... The show benefited Bethel College and Memphis Theological Seminary."

SAN FRANCISCO — A California appeals court has blocked, at least temporarily, efforts by parents to "deprogram" their five children from the teachings of Rev. Sun Myung Moon. The state Court of Appeal ruled Monday that the parents can continue to have temporary custody of the five, but that pending a decision on an appeal by Moon's Unification Church they cannot use "the services of any person or organization in an attempt to alter the religious beliefs of the young people in any way."

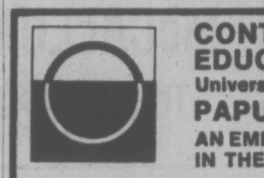
The court said the young people, whose ages range from 21 to 25, will be allowed to meet with professional deprogrammers only if they agree.

LUTON, England — Two crew members were slightly hurt when the nosewheel of Frank Sinatra's private Boeing 707 collapsed on landing at Luton Airport north of London on Monday, airport officials reported. Sinatra was not aboard the plane, they said. The plane was arriving from Newark, N.J.

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ROLLING STONE

actually the Fab Four reunited secretly to record again.

Released last year, Klatu's album received generally favorable reviews and many critics remarked that it sounded something like the Beatles of the Sergeant Pepper era.

Then one music writer took it a step further, speculating the Klatu might actually be the Beatles.

The rationale was that since the Klatu album's theme was magic, mystery and touring — and the one album the Beatles felt they had failed with was Magical Mystery Tour — this was a salient "clue" that the Beatles might be trying to satisfy themselves with a successful effort, albeit anonymously.

True-believing Beatle freaks the repeated history by searching for more clues, and making them up when they didn't have any.

Always hot for a fad, radio stations fanned the flames by devoting special shows to the speculation. After the fad hit Boston, the album sold 15,000 additional copies in that city, where it had sold almost nothing before.

Capitol Records (the label for both Klatu and the Beatles, aka!) swears it had nothing to do with the rumor. Klatu's manager, Frank Davies, is also baffled.

"They wanted to maintain a low profile and be known solely for their music," he says of the group's decision to remain anonymous.

"The Beatle thing was not in our conscious minds when we recorded the album. They are not the Beatles."

The Doors appear to be "coming back" in a big way. Keyboardist Ray Manzarek has formed his best band, Nite City, since Jim Morrison's death.

Vocalist Noah James even looks like Morrison, and their album, Manzarek points out, is receiving airplay in Miami, where the Doors haven't been played on the radio since Morrison exposed himself on stage there six years ago.

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Canada Urges IOC Sanctions

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP) — Far from moving toward a peace formula, the general assembly of National Olympic Committees has been rocked by new offensives from all sides.

The Canadians, still upset that 28 African countries walked out of the Montreal Olympics last summer, proposed automatic sanctions against any nation that does this in the future. The Africans responded with a new move to cut off South Africa's sportsmen from the rest of the world.

Abraham Ordia, president of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa which organized the Montreal boycott, told the assembly Monday that member countries should be forbidden to participate with countries under suspension. He was speaking as a delegate of Nigeria. It was a clear shot aimed at New Zealand and its ties with South Africa.

The Africans walked out of Montreal because New Zealand had sent a rugby union team to tour South Africa. Richard Pound, president of the Canadian Olympic Association, said Canada proposed two-part sanctions against countries which enter athletes for the Olympics, then withdraw them for political reasons.

The Canadians want such countries automatically suspended from the next Olympics, and from all future Olympics until they have reimbursed the Olympic Organizing Committee for expenses and loss of revenue incurred by the boycott. At Montreal, the Canadians had to make refunds to persons who had bought tickets for events from which the Africans walked out.

School Alternative Needs Seen

VANCOUVER (CP) —

Teachers, schoolboards and government must work together to find alternative education solutions for students who cannot cope with the regular system, Walter Hardwick, deputy education minister, said Monday.

Addressing the opening session of the B.C. Teachers Federation's annual general meeting, Hardwick said teachers and education policy makers have a responsibility to allow young people to become creative citizens and not dependent on the state.

"The Public Schools Act says that alternative strategies in education are permitted if they are based on

the learning needs of students," he said.

"The ministry of education is anxious to assess the BCTF's ideas to be able to allow young people to develop a place in society and to provide alternative instruction and rehabilitation for young people who can't cut it in a normal classroom situation."

"It will mean experimentation and involvement of trustees at the local level."

Hardwick said the order-in-council (cabinet order) brought into the legislature Friday that gives principals greater power to suspend students from schools does not mean that suspended students are to be left without instruction.

"The Public Schools Act charges us to give instruction to all children in the province between the ages of seven and 15 he said. "Suspended young people are still charges of the school and we must develop ways and means to get instruction for these students."

Hardwick said Teachers, trustees and government also

must work to prevent and correct learning disabilities in students before they reach the stage where they cannot cope and will become troublesome.

Hardwick called on teachers to investigate, experiment with and develop alternative programs, especially for students in the junior high grades.

The issue of a confidential education ministry report calling for changes in teacher education was raised when outgoing BCTF President Bill Broadley told the 800 convention delegates the minister of education erred in not making the document available to BCTF representatives.

FINAL COURSES

The last of the short courses sponsored by the Saanich Peninsula school district — gun safety and flower arranging — start Monday.

Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Training (CORE) covers the compulsory training required to qualify for a hunting licence.

CORE begins next Tuesday at Claremont school

and runs for 10 successive Tuesdays. Cost is \$20 for those over 18 and \$10 for those between 14 and 18.

The two five-session courses on flower arranging cost \$8. One begins next Tuesday at Claremont and the other April 7 at Sidney's North Saanich school.

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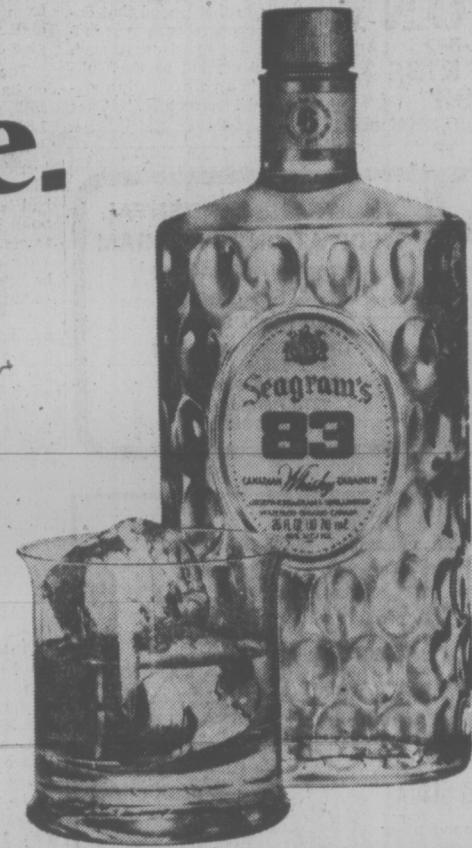
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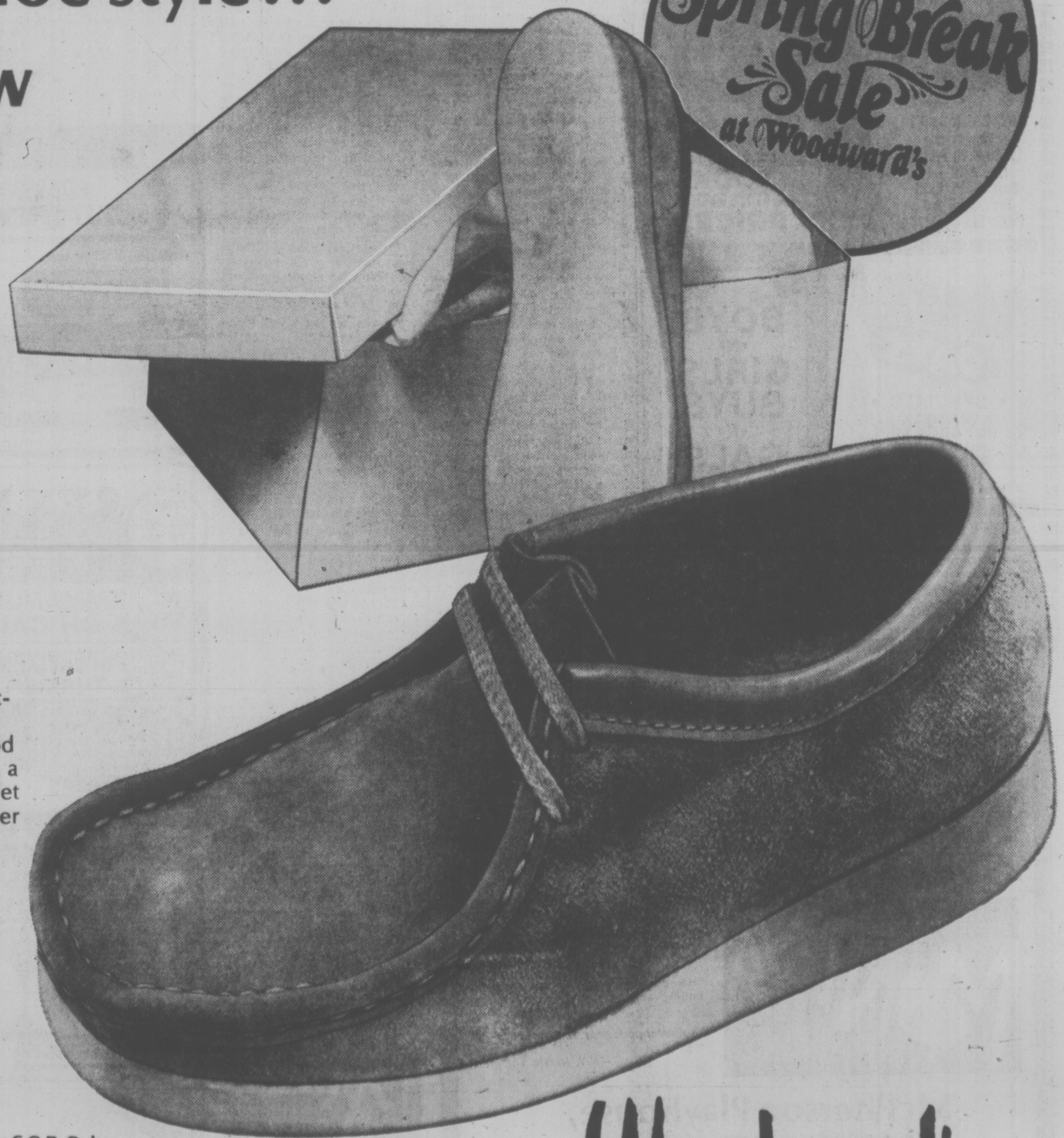
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Women Bypass Executive Role

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EDMONTON (CP)—Helen McLeod, assistant superintendent of pupil services for the Edmonton public school board, disagrees with the opinion that a school administrator has to be "highly authoritative with people, preferably over 55, and male."

Ms. McLeod, 35, doubts that, even with encouragement, many more women will seek out administrative jobs.

"Some of the reasons are quite subtle. The women tend to think this is going to be their whole life. Many young female teachers mistake their strengths for weaknesses and think that because they're primarily interested in kids and parents and the community that they're less qualified for a top administrative role."

"But that interest is what it's all about."

Ms. McLeod said many women forgo promotion for family reasons.

"For good or bad, if you're going to raise a family there has to be at least as much commitment for that as for your job."

"Many women think it's unreasonable to think they could

do a job like this well and still raise children."

She started as a counselling teacher in 1961 after leaving university, and combined work with university master's and doctoral studies, a summer research project in Greenland and consulting duties with several city agencies.

In 1972 she applied for a job as acting director of counselling services and, to her surprise, got the job. A year ago she became assistant superintendent.

Now, she said, "I feel people are watching me, partly as myself, and partly as a woman."

"I feel a great sense of responsibility to do well... for other women."

Ms. McLeod said that after 15 years of work in schools she has become an optimist.

"I'm optimistic enough to believe that our schools provide a diversified experience to meet the needs of almost every child."

"There's a greater emphasis on individual education to take care of the needs of special youngsters, a growing tendency to look at the youngster's strengths and build on these."

She said there is a growing

public realization that if a child can't do well in school it doesn't necessarily count him out for life.

"All youngsters cannot achieve the same in each area. People are seeing a

greater need for children to stay in school longer, to get special training."

People were more willing to ask for extra help or special treatment for a child who was unable to survive in programs geared for average youngsters.

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Meet the Man of the School

LOS ANGELES (NYT)—In an era when the man of the house is becoming conspicuous by his absence, meet the man of the school.

For preschool children who live with their mothers because of divorce or who rarely see their fathers, who devote long hours to their jobs and come home exhausted, men as nursery school teachers are turning out to be just

what the psychologist ordered.

Not only do the male nursery school teachers help children grow up without stereotypical attitudes toward male and female roles, they are also stable male figures in otherwise fatherless environments and offer some of the fun and recreation that real fathers are too weary to provide.

At the Nurtury, a nursery school in Sherman Oaks, Calif., a predominantly male staff has been teaching 40 preschool children for 18 months. The men have done everything from making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to comforting a 4-year-old whose parents have separated.

"Preschool kids haven't been conditioned to regard driving a truck as masculine and caring for a child as feminine, so they are more accepting than adults of the idea that men and women can share roles," said Steve Brody, the founder and director of the school's staff of four men and a woman. "Children like the idea that they can sit in a man's lap and be cuddled."

Brody, who is 29 years old, got the idea for the Nurtury when he was teaching fifth grade in a traditional elementary school and serving as a volunteer in the Big Brothers movement.

"Every time I walked into the kindergarten class," he said, "I would be mobbed by the children, who were desperate for male companionship. Our Big Brothers group for adolescents kept getting calls from mothers of

boys who were too young for the program but who wanted their sons to have contact with males."

The school was originally meant for children of single-parent homes, most of the parents divorced women who found it difficult to raise children alone. There is a great need for such a school in the San Fernando Valley suburbs of Los Angeles. The parents of one out of six preschoolers there are divorced.

"The Nurtury is one of the few places where a divorced mother is not made to feel like a second-class person," said Joanne Bressler, a clinical psychologist and a co-founder of the school.

"Everywhere else," she said, "the divorced mother has to live up to the model set by the two-parent home. For example, other schools don't realize that the divorced mother usually has to work and finds it difficult to do all the chauffeuring that stay-at-home mothers do."

More important, Dr. Bressler said, the Nurtury provides that child with the constant presence of a male figure with no emotional ties to the mother of the child. "Divorced mothers seem to

try lots of relationships, which is difficult for the child," she said. "Sometimes there are lots of men in their lives, sometimes no man at all. Even if the man does stay around for a while, his primary relationship is to the mother, not the child."

Because of these difficulties, the children are frequently afraid of men. A 3-year-old girl refused to speak to any male teacher at the Nurtury during her first week there. Every time she was asked to participate in a class activity, she ran away. Gradually, she began to trust and like men once more.

There are now 15 children enrolled in the school whose parents are married, and they, too, have benefited.

"I felt that my son was growing up in a world devoid of males," said Louise Brunner, the mother of 3½-year-old Byron. "Like most men in our neighborhood, my husband, a film editor, works seven days a week. He spends so much time commuting that he is often too exhausted to play with our son. Like so many other Californians, we are transplanted New Yorkers and don't have grandfathers or uncles who live nearby."

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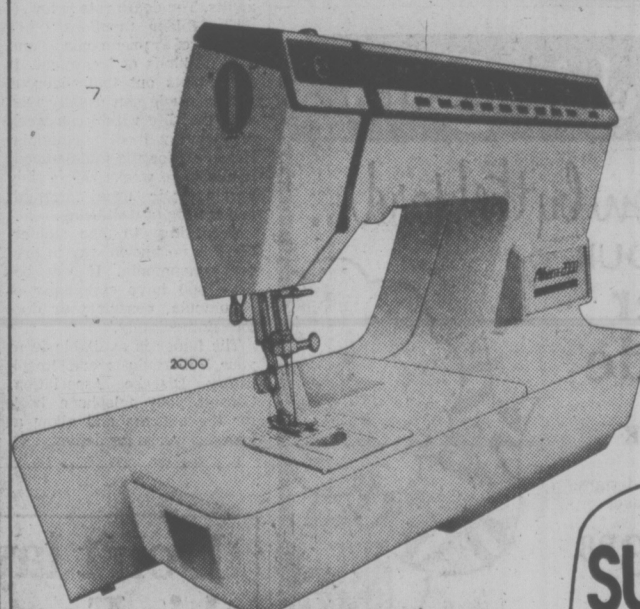
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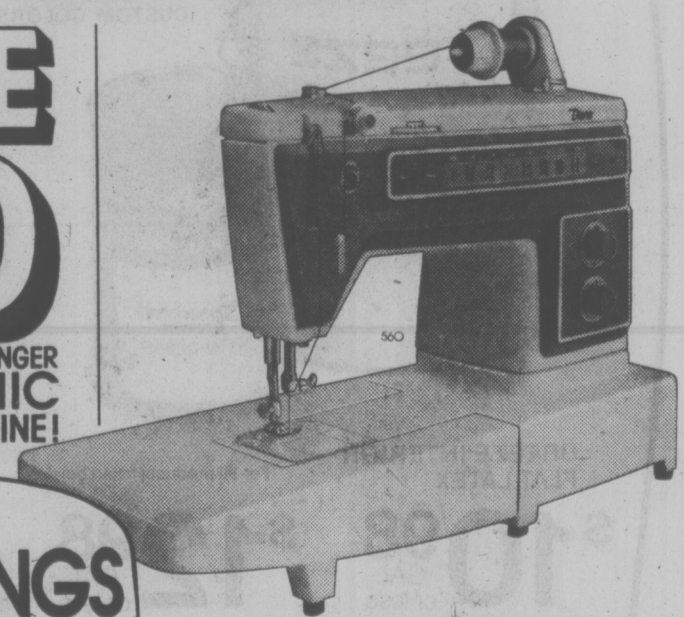
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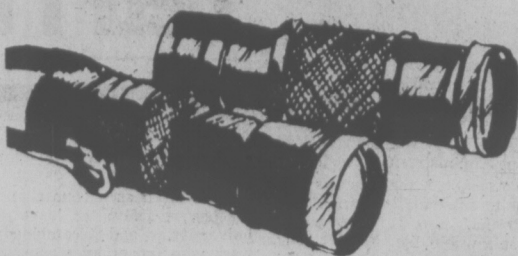
In southern Utah's Monument Valley, Tallon stepped onto the centre line of a highway and snapped a "scenic" shot of the pavement running through the red rock temples in the distance. The picture later became an automobile tire ad that appeared in sev-

eral top magazines, thanks to the New York photo agency that sold it for \$1,500.

If you haven't guessed, Jim Tallon makes his living selling pictures; he's a freelance outdoor photographer. He started on a part-time basis 18 years ago and dropped out of the eight-to-five world in 1967 to pursue it full time. Given a camera and film, he can park just about anywhere and make a living.

And, says Tallon, so can you. "I conservatively estimate that there are four to five thousand paying markets

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wide open to beginners." Jim maintains, "and all you need in order to start selling to these markets are a camera, a love of nature and an eye for the unusual."

No, it doesn't cost an arm and a leg to get started. You can get into outdoor photography with a minimum of equipment.

First you need a camera. Unquestionably, the only kind of camera to buy is a 35-millimetre single lens reflex with a "built-in light metre." (Single-lens reflex — SLR for short — refers to a lens and mirror set-up that allows you to view, frame and focus your subject while looking through

the camera's main lens, rather than through a separate viewfinder.) The 35-mm SLR is by far the most practical camera ever invented. It's economical to buy and use (good previously owned models can be purchased for under \$150), and you don't have to be a mechanical wizard to learn to operate one.

In addition to a camera (which should be purchased with a "normal" general-purpose lens) you'll want:

(1) A sturdy tripod, to steady the camera while you shoot. Photos for publication must be tack-sharp, and a tripod holds the camera motionless for you.

(2) A 28-mm "wide-angle" lens. The designation "28-mm" refers to the lens' focal length. The shorter the focal length, the wider the photo angle and the more you can cram into your viewing frame. This is a good lens for scenes and some semi-closups.

(3) A short telephoto (135-mm) lens, to bring not-too-distant subjects a bit closer.

(4) A medium telephoto (400-mm) lens, to really pull in far-off objects. With such telephoto lenses, you can stand back and record some of Mother Nature's best work without spooking the participants.

(5) A bellows. This handy device — an accordion-like box that fits between a camera body and lens — allows you to get closer to your subject than the near-focus range of your lens normally would allow.

The above "beginner's kit" will allow you to handle most any photographic situation right from the start, without putting too large a crimp in your pocketbook. The price range for the whole shebang can run as low as \$200 for used equipment, to well over \$600 for new stuff. If you choose carefully, you can write down your own ticket and still have good equipment.

Is it possible to make money with just the camera

and its normal lens? Sure — with practice, you can squeeze a lot of good pictures out of just the essentials. But your equipment's limitations would force you to lose a lot of good shots, nonetheless.

But you don't want to go to the other equipment-buying extreme, either. Purchasing camera gear just for the sake of purchasing it probably won't get you anywhere but broke. Make every piece of photo equipment "earn its keep," so to speak.

In the photograph equipment business, prices vary enormously ... which means that to get the best camera and lens deal, you've got to shop around. Used equipment is sold through newspaper classifieds and some camera shops, while new gear is marketed through department stores, photo retailers or mail-order outlets. Scan the ads and product lines in photography magazines, and just nose around for the deal that best fits your needs and pocketbook. And remember — big cities mean more camera shops, more competition and (usually) lower prices.

Jim Tallon deals solely in color slides (or transparencies), and recommends the same for beginners. Black and white, he says, costs more to work with in the long run — because of the many processing steps required to produce a finished 8x10 glossy (which is the only kind of black and white picture editors will buy) — and the pay for color photography is generally more.

Space won't permit even a short course on the fundamentals of picture-taking. But dozens of books have been written on just this subject, and Jim urges you to consult them.

For beginners, the most difficult part of freelance photography is learning what sells. The best way is to plow through every magazine you come across, scrutinizing each picture in the process. This'll give you an idea of how the pros compose their pictures and — more important — what kinds of shots picture editors buy.

And keep your eyes open! The very same scenes you find in the magazines are happening all around you. You have to become aware of little things that you've merely glanced over in the past.

Next comes preparing your color slides for market. When they come back from the processor, Jim Tallon sorts out his best shots and prepares them — in batches of 20 to 60 — for submission to his regular markets. He carefully codes each slide, including such information as the date, location and subject. He also rubber-stamps each slide with his name and address.

Then he carefully packages them (chances are your local camera shop can supply you with all the material you need to safely mail your slides) and ships them off to a specific editor (the photo editor, if there is one), complete with a cover letter. A stamped, self-addressed envelope assures that the unwanted slides will be returned.



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By PAULINE GRAVES

North Americans are on the move. The average family changes homes every five years, and not necessarily by moving to another locality. Surprisingly, a large percentage stays within 35 miles. This probably represents young couples going from an apartment into their first house, or giving up a small apartment for a larger. And at the other end, older couples leaving the family home to condense their living space

into an apartment or condominium.

With all this movement, it does make sense to put furniture flexibility high on the priority list when considering new purchases. A nine-foot sofa, bought for a specific wall, could be so special that it might not fit into another room, but also make it impossible to re-arrange furniture in the existing room.

The room pictured, by designer Robert Minnix, has many possibilities in re-arranging furniture or fitting it into a smaller, or different-

ly shaped room. The sofa isn't a sofa at all. Four matching armless chairs line up in a row.

Loops in the backs of each anchor them securely together so that a guest, sitting between seat cushions, won't plummet to the floor. From the four chairs can come a three cushion sofa and matching chairs, two love seats, or a love seat and two chairs.

And the ottomans can be matched up with any of the groupings or used separately, as here. This is today's look, and it makes sense.

Free For The Asking

By HARRIET HART

Only a generation ago, pneumonia meant a death sentence for one out of every four cases, today early detection and prompt treatment usually leads to a cure.

According to the eight-page illustrated folder "Pneumonia: The Facts", there are three main types of the illness. Bacterial pneumonia can attack people at any age. Alcoholics, post-operative patients and people with respiratory disease or virus infections are particularly vulnerable. The outlook for those affected varies. Virus pneumonia attacks mostly people with a pre-existing heart or lung disease or pregnant women. This type is often fatal. Microplasma pneumonia affects all age groups and occurs most often in older children or young adults. The death rate is low.

The folder mentions other types of pneumonia and various kinds of treatment. It also points out that vigorous young people can usually lead a normal life within one week of recovery from pneumonia. However, for the middle-aged, it may take weeks before they regain their usual strength and feeling of well-being.

According to the folder, there is no known way to prevent pneumonia. If you believe you have symptoms of pneumonia, consult your doctor immediately.

The folder is available from your Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association. Consult your telephone book for the address and allow at least 2-3 weeks for delivery.

DENTAL HEALTH MONTH Are X-Rays Needed Of Child's Teeth?

This is the second in a series of six articles on dental health published by the Times, in co-operation with the Victoria Committee for National Dental Health Month 1977, in observance of April as Dental Health Month.

Q — Should X-rays be taken of my child's teeth? How often?

A — X-ray examinations of your child's teeth are very important. The dentist can only give him the best possible care by making X-ray examinations of the teeth and supporting structures when he feels such examinations are necessary.

The dentist needs to find out if your child has cavities between the teeth and whether or not there are any extra (super-numerary) teeth or other dental abnormalities. X-ray pictures will also reveal to the dentist whether the

child's permanent teeth are present in the jaws and in the proper position.

As with adults, a dentist will make an X-ray examination only when it is absolutely necessary. However, dental X-ray examinations made with modern equipment and safeguards pose no proven danger to your child.

The Canadian Dental Association recommends the use of high-speed film, a beam that is properly restricted by collimation and filtration, and an open-ended, properly shielded cone to reduce scatter radiation.

In addition, the CDA advises that leaded aprons be used on all children and women of child-bearing age.

You can be sure that your child's dentist will not recommend the taking of X-rays unless he feels they are necessary for diagnosis and treatment.



indoor gardens

By LYNN and JOEL RAPP
Dear Lynn and Joel: Please help! All my plants have tiny white bugs in the soil. They

are the size of a grain of salt and show up when I water my plants. Thank you. — B.W.

Dear B.W.: Pest control is very difficult in most houseplants, especially when the diagnosis has to be made without actually seeing the pest itself. Since you have not described a sticky, cottony white pest, we should be able to eliminate mealybug. Aphids would seem to be out, as would nematodes, so let's take a guess and say you are being blighted with white flies.

In any event, when pests invade the soil, the best treatment is to use a systemic — a poison that kills insects that infest the soil. Cygon, Malathion or Diazinon are the three best systemics. Why they only appear when you water is difficult to say. It would be facetious to say that they come up for a drink. Our best advice in this situation would be to take your plants (or one plant) to your nearest nursery and see if you can get a more concise diagnosis.

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dear abby

Problem Numbers

DEAR ABBY: My husband drives a cab, and many times Mike has come home with names and phone numbers of women. He empties his pockets on the bureau every night and makes no effort to hide anything. When I ask him why he has these names and numbers, he says, "Oh, I meet a lot of tramps in my job who give me their names in case I run into guys who want a gal to show them the town."

I asked him how come he knows these girls are tramps unless he gets into personal conversations with them, and he says some people start pouring out their life history even before they tell him where they want to go.

Mike is good-looking and friendly, but he must give these tramps some encouragement, or they wouldn't tell him their life's history or give him their phone numbers.

DEAR WIFE: Not necessarily. If Mike had something to hide he wouldn't empty his

pockets out on the bureau. Don't hassle him about the "tramps" he hauls, or how he comes to know their life histories. Some cabbies hear more confessions than a parish priest.

DEAR ABBY: How does one address mail to a married couple, both of whom are physicians? I know several such couples, and I never know how to address properly their invitations or Christmas cards.

Should it be: "Dr. and Mrs. John Doe" or "Dr. and Dr. John Doe"? Or is there some other form?—WONDERING

DEAR WONDERING: They are addressed: "The Drs. Doe," "Dr. Jane Doe and Dr. John Doe," or "The Drs. John and Jane Doe."

DEAR ABBY: I recently joined the auxiliary of a civic club to which my husband belongs, and I was named to head the annual dinner and bazaar.

When the newspaper wrote up the story, they referred to me first as "Jane Jones" and thereafter as "Jones." They also referred to my position as "chairperson."

When I complained to the editor, I was told that it is the policy of most newspapers these days not to distinguish between the sexes. Well, I objected firmly. I resent being called "Jones" when I am "Mrs. Jones." Anybody can be a "person," but a woman is someone special and always has been. — MRS. JOHN JONES

DEAR MRS.: I, too, dislike the policy of some newspapers in dropping the woman's first name, or "Miss" or "Mrs." on subsequent mention. But the newspapers are in a crunch between those with our preference and other women who demand that no distinction between the sexes be made — a move (in their eyes) toward true "equality." So don't shoot the editor — he's doing the best he can.



your health

Baker's Cyst Named For Man—Not a Job

I've heard the expressions "Tennis elbow." Now, my brother has been told that he has a "baker's cyst." But he's a taxi driver! Your explanation, please — Miss E.R.J., N.Y.

DEAR MISS J.: The term "Baker's cyst" is not a descriptive one as are the other two expressions you mention. "Housemaid's knee," "tennis elbow" and "tailor's bottom" are all due to constant injury. Not so with "Baker's cyst."

This was named after a British surgeon who first recognized and described this condition. The cyst is in the back of the knee and contains fluid which may or may not be connected with the knee joint itself.

Baker's cysts are not cancerous or dangerous. They

are easily removed by surgery. When healing takes place, there is no alteration in the function of the knee joint.

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Every once in a while food gets stuck in my neck. Sometimes I must cough it up and start all over again. This happens about once a month. Do you think I should follow through with tests? — Mr. B.H., W. Va.

DEAR MR. H.: Even though your discomfort does not appear to be constant, it certainly deserves to be investigated. It may very well be that this temporary interference with the free passage of food from the mouth through the esophagus and into the

stomach is not of special importance.

Yet there always exists the possibility that a small pouch, or "diverticulum," may be present in the esophagus. Such a pouch extends from the wall of the esophagus. In it food may become trapped, and remain there until the sac is emptied.

There are other anatomical abnormalities that may be present. All of them can be easily ruled out by X-ray studies of the esophagus.

It would be much more sensible to have these, simple tests done, rather than wait until these unpleasant experiences happen more frequently and last longer.

Common Cents

By KATE MacQUEEN

Setting your refrigerator at a higher temperature to conserve electricity means that you can't keep perishable foods as long. A normal refrigerator temperature of 45 degrees may be adequate to hold perishables for several days. But if you plan to keep them longer, remember to lower the temperature to 40 degrees or below.

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The one-time boxer has been bringing boys from the

streets into the police gym for more than 30 years and making champion boxers of some of them. Others he coached on hockey teams.

McComb turned in his badge recently when he reached 60 but it will be replaced by another at a special

dinner to be held Thursday at the Waterloo Regional Police Association headquarters.

The retired sergeant will be presented with an engraved pendant badge by the association in recognition of his work with boys. He will be the first member of the force to receive an honorary badge.

One of his proteges, Pat Fennell, won a Golden Gloves Championship in February. In 1973, Bob Proulx won the Ontario light welterweight championship as the result of Sgt. McComb's coaching.

Most of his spare time has been spent in the police gym with the hundreds of boys who were attracted there by the prospect of learning to box.

There have been heartaches and disappointments. He recalls a boy who won a team jacket with a crest and proudly wore it home.

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Quebec Not Shortchanged By Canada: Macdonald

DIEFENABKER DEMANDS DEBATE ON UNITY

TORONTO (CP) — Former prime minister John Diefenbaker called Monday for a national conference on separatism and asked Prime Minister Trudeau to set aside a week for debate on the issue in the Commons.

In an emotional address to 1,400 members of the Canadian Club, Diefenbaker, referring to his proposal for a debate in the Commons, said: "That is where we hear the people of Canada speak."

At a news conference following his speech, Diefen-

baker said the national separatist conference should be made up of people from all walks of life in all parts of the country and should last a month.

"The decision is too serious to be left with the politicians," he said. "There are too many votes to fear."

He received a long round of applause during his address when he said too much emphasis is being placed on the English fact and the French fact and not enough on the Canadian fact.

By DAN POTTIER
Times Ottawa Bureau

OTTAWA — Finance Minister Donald Macdonald bluntly rejects Quebec's claim of being shortchanged in Confederation but is facing increased pressure to produce figures giving Ottawa's side of the argument.

Macdonald told the Commons on Monday that federal studies on the economics of Confederation were in the works — suggesting they would show Quebec benefits economically from the federal system.

As to the negative balance sheet issued by the Parti Quebecois Friday, the minister told reporters "the Quebec analysis will kill itself."

The conclusions drawn by the PQ government were "hardly supported" by the economic analysis on which they were based, he said, because too many things were left out.

Macdonald saw no need to get into a "numbers game" over the Quebec report upon which the PQ claimed the province paid out \$4.3 billion more to Ottawa than the federal government spent there in the period 1961-1975.

Flora Macdonald (PC—Kingston and the Islands) urged the government to quickly publish federal figures because the figures released by the government of Quebec were getting wide circulation and were going "unchallenged" by Ottawa.

Pressure to draw up a balance sheet of federal revenues and expenditures in all provinces was also applied by Rene Matte (Cred.—Champlain) — as he has been doing for weeks.

When the figures are published, Matte said, they will show an even worse deficit than the one claimed by the PQ which he termed "conservative."

Macdonald told reporters the Quebec study, based on the workings of a federal-provincial committee set up in 1973, was not intended to be a balance sheet on Confederation.

There was no precise balance sheet of federalism in existence either in Ottawa or in any province, he added.

Without using a single figure, Macdonald said the PQ balance sheet did not include such things as federal overhead the cost of running the government and the division of corporate revenues.

Legal Pot Not Planned For Canada: Basford

OTTAWA (CP) — Prime Minister Trudeau's recent statement that a person who smokes a joint of marijuana for personal pleasure should not be hassled does not mean the government intends to legalize the drug, Justice Minister Ron Basford said in the Commons Monday.

Basford told Dan McKenzie (PC—Winnipeg South Centre) that he, Health Minister Marc Lalonde and Solicitor-General Francis Fox now are deciding whether to reintroduce a Senate bill to lighten marijuana possession penalties, which died two years ago, or to draft new legislation.

The Senate bill proposed moving marijuana and hashish cannabis offences from the Narcotics Control Act to the less harsh Food and Drug Act.

Under the Narcotics Control Act, a conviction for possession of cannabis can mean a fine up to \$2,000 and imprisonment for up to seven years. Most first-time offenders are fined between \$200 and \$300.

If moved to the Food and Drugs Act, a conviction for possession of cannabis would mean a fine of \$500 for first offences and up to \$1,000 for subsequent offences. No imprisonment or criminal records would result from the conviction.

Basford told John Gilbert (NDP—Toronto Broadview) that he could not say if legislation to lighten penalties for possession of marijuana would be introduced before the summer.

The federal government promised to lighten penalties for possession of marijuana almost five years ago.

93,466 Jobs Free, Cullen Tells House

OTTAWA (CP) — Figures showing at least 93,466 job vacancies in January were made public Monday in the Commons by Manpower Minister Bud Cullen.

The figures were the latest move in a battle between the minister and Lincoln Alexander, Progressive Conservative manpower critic, over job vacancy statistics compiled by Statistics Canada and by manpower centres.

Cullen says Statistics Canada figures, which generally show fewer job vacancies than manpower centre figures, are misleading. They show only trends in the vacancy rate whereas manpower figures show actual job openings, he says.

Alexander, MP for the Ontario constituency of Hamilton West, challenged Cullen last week to come up with a comparison of the statistics to refute his view that the two sets of figures have "a pretty consistent relationship."

The figures Cullen produced Monday are based on the number of job vacancies various employers have registered at manpower centres. They range from February, 1975, to January, 1977.

Latest Statistics Canada figures show there were an average 37,300 vacancies for full-time, part-time and casual jobs for the three-month period ended February, 1977.

The manpower figures show a total of 93,466 regular and casual job vacancies in January and 74,278 vacancies in December, 1976.

Regular jobs are defined as those of more than one week duration and casual jobs are those lasting less than a week.

The figures have been in dispute several times in the last three weeks, during continuing debate over unemployment.

Latest Statistics Canada estimates show there were 93,000 unemployed in February.

In addition there were almost another 300,000 who had dropped out of the work force for reasons ranging from returning to school to giving up searching for a job.

Alexander declined to comment immediately on Cullen's manpower statistics, saying he wanted first to make comparisons with Statistics Canada figures.

'SPOONFEEDING'

OTTAWA (CP) — Manpower Minister Bud Cullen accused Opposition MPs on Monday of wanting "to spoon-feed our young people" after New Democratic Party leader Ed Broadbent called for measures to reduce student debt.

In the Commons, Broadbent urged steps that would reduce debts of students unable to land jobs this summer.

Broadbent referred to Prime Minister Trudeau's advice to students last week to leave the country if they are unhappy with domestic job opportunities.

Broadbent said that unlike Trudeau, most students do not come from families of millionaires.

Special steps are needed "for all those thousands of Canadians who have to work their way through university."

Cullen replied that Canadian talents are needed overseas. The opposition wants "to spoonfeed our young people."

Cullen called Trudeau's statement one of several options the prime minister outlined for young people. Going to a foreign country was an option Cullen described as "penultimate." He said Canadians have talents and abilities needed outside Canadian cities and outside the country.

Opposition MPs Block TV Budget Coverage

OTTAWA (CP)—Opposition parties have thwarted government attempts to provide live television and radio coverage of Finance Minister Donald Macdonald's budget speech in Parliament on Thursday night.

Macdonald asked for live coverage of the event and had planned a streamlined 30-minute speech of the government's latest tax and spending plans.

But Progressive Conservative and NDP critics are opposed, saying such coverage

would give the government a chance to score political points at their expense.

Ralph Goodale (L.—As.) (sinabola), parliamentary secretary to Government House Leader Allan MacEachen, said Monday the budget speech will not be televised unless all parties agree.

There would be no live coverage unless there was a sudden reversal by parties opposed to the idea.

A finance department spokesman said the government has given up all plans

for live coverage of the budget speech. Macdonald would present a 45-minute budget address to the Commons and opposition parties would be given their usual chance to reply.

NDP spokesman Derek Blackburn (Brant) said he would fight any government move to have the budget broadcast.

Live coverage would simply "give Macdonald a chance to dangle a few little goodies to a national TV audience."

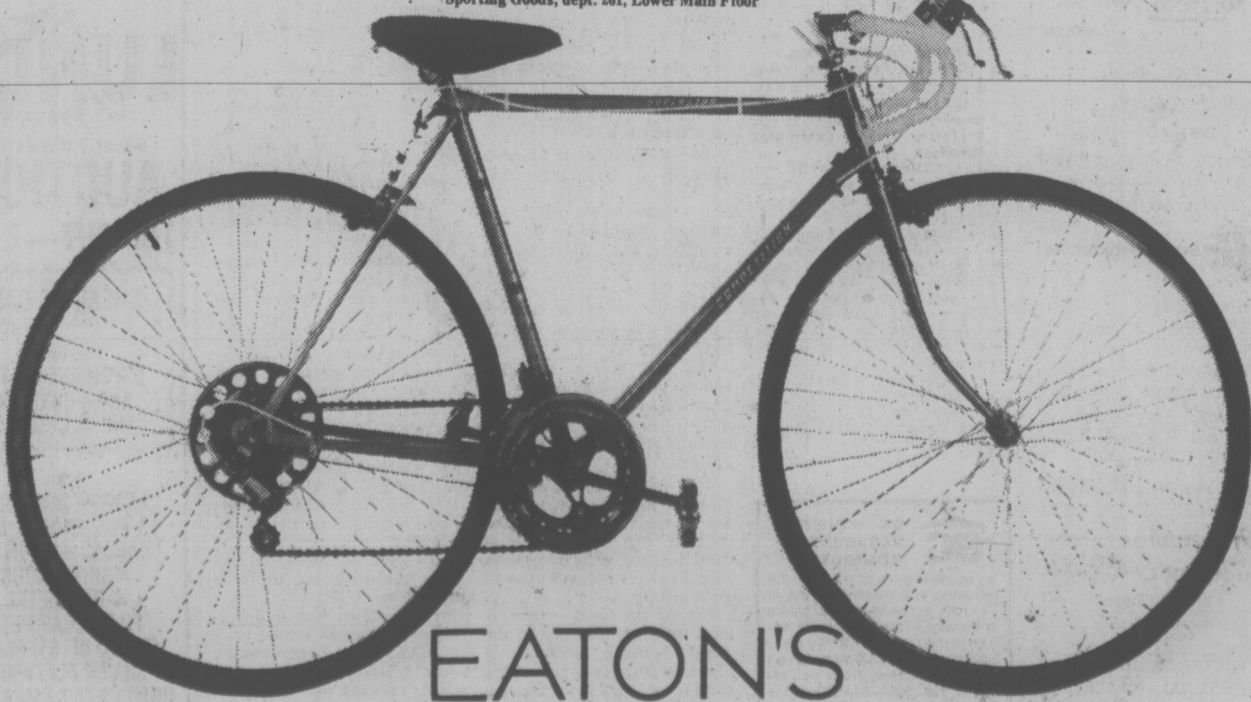
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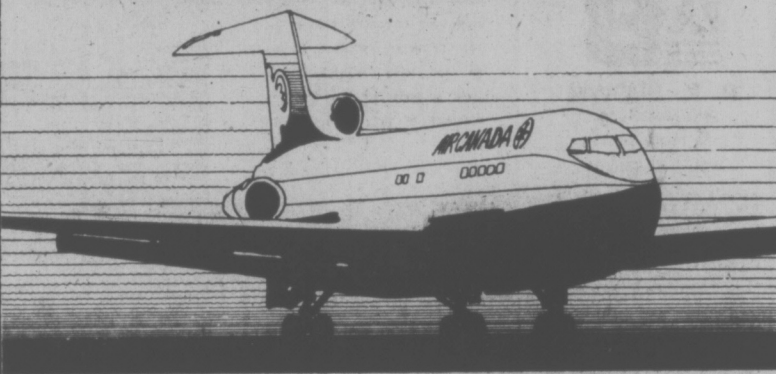
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30-DAY HALT ON DUPLEXES IN ESQUIMALT

A 30-day moratorium on the issuance of building permits for duplexes, was imposed by Esquimalt council Monday.

The move is to enable council to prepare a zoning bylaw amendment setting a minimum lot size for duplexes. Ald. Larry Mann said Esquimalt's subdivision bylaw sets out standard for duplexes, but there is no minimum lot size established for numerous individual duplexed-zoned lots scattered throughout the municipality.

He said the proposed amendment is necessary to curb the buying of single-family houses on small duplex-zoned lots and their subsequent development.

Eye, Dental Discussions

EDMONTON (CP) — Health and post-secondary education ministers from the four western provinces will meet this fall to discuss training and certification of eye and dental care personnel.

Dr. Bert Hobol, Alberta's advanced education minister, said after a meeting last week of western advanced education ministers that the provinces are concerned with maintaining adequate manpower for senior citizen care, eyesight and public dental care.

Dr. Hobol, also chairman of the Western Canada post-secondary co-ordinating committee, said the ministers examined the training and status for teachers of the handicapped.

Oak Bay: Pumphouse Needed?

Oak Bay council wants the Capital Regional District to re-examine the whole concept of putting a new sewage pumphouse in McMeekin Point neighborhood.

At the same time, council endorsed an advisory report selecting a Victoria Golf Course site at Newport and Beach as the least objectionable if a pumping station is necessary.

The steps were taken by aldermen Monday, when council agreed to ask for a CRD hearing April 13.

Mayor Brian Smith said the feeling of Oak Bay is that no pumping station is desired anywhere, but "the Newport site would be the least objectionable."

He said it was time to rethink the whole sewage treatment concept.

He said some members of the advisory committee and other citizens might attend, and suggested the region might require a larger meeting place.

Discussion was launched by Ald. Doug Watts, who said a look should be given to see whether the proposed sewer project was really worthwhile. An extension of the existing outfall might be enough, rather than spending millions to pump sewage to Clover Point, he said.

"We must ask ourselves if it's worth anything like this sort of money to change it? I really don't think it is."

Pumping sewage from one point on the coast to another at a cost of \$3 million "really doesn't change anything."

Outfall extension would cost \$150,000-\$200,000, Watts said. But the regional district is "going on like a juggernaut, with no logic, no sense,

no nothing" to cure a problem that \$150,000 would solve.

He was applauded by the public gallery.

Ald. Norman Pinlott said he agreed wholeheartedly and Ald. John Gault, a former regional public works chairman, said that until Shoal Bay residents and council became excited everyone was following the wisdom of the provincial Pollution Control Branch.

Gault challenged the justification of CRD reasoning today, especially regarding a primary treatment plant only 40 per cent efficient.

To ask the regional board why may result only in "deafening silence," he said.

Smith said the reply might well be that the work must be

done because there are contracts let, contracts awarded even while the matter was under consideration by an "insignificant council" (Oak Bay).

He said any contract could be bought out, particularly when dealing with reputable contractors.

Richard Bower, spokesman for Shoal Bay residents and whose house was earmarked for demolition for a pumphouse site, expressed concern about his reputation.

"It has come to my attention that rumors are being circulated by members of the Capital Region Board that my wife and I would welcome the expropriation of our house to get off the hook with

our neighbors."

That was "as ridiculous as it is untrue," Bower said.

It was equally ridiculous and untrue that Bowers' house is very cold, especially when the wind blows, and that he and his wife were forced to occupy lower rooms when it is windy.

He did not know the purpose of such rumors, he said, and "neither my wife nor I have made such statements."

"Perhaps the Capital Regional Board wants to take away our reputation as well as our house. Certainly they have succeeded in badly damaging our sense of humor," Bower said, and later declined to name specific regional directors.

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Forestry Seen Hurt By Labor

VANCOUVER (CP) — Labor unrest has given the B.C. forest industry a bad reputation in world markets and is harming business, Don Lanskill, president of the Council of Forest Industries of B.C., said Monday.

"Our reputation for reliability of supply used to be good, but the strikes and general unrest of the past few years have given the industry a bad name," Lanskill told a planning conference on the B.C. forest industry.

"Strikes in Canada are widely reported in Europe and this has done a lot of the success of our promotional efforts. The West Germans have been particularly critical."

Lanskill quoted from the annual report of a major West German manufacturer, which informed shareholders that the 1975 forest industry shut-down in B.C. restricted supplies of sawn Canadian softwood and thus pushed up the price.

Lanskill spoke of the "dramatic erosion of our plywood markets," saying "Canada once supplied 90 per cent of imports of softwood plywood to Britain and 80 per cent to Holland."

"In 1976, sales to Britain had fallen to 52 per cent of the market total and Dutch business had slumped to 16 per cent."

Lanskill also told the conference, which was organized by the Vancouver chapter of the North American Society for Corporate Planning Inc., that export-lumber sales to the United States from the B.C. interior are hampered by the unpredictability of the B.C. Railway.

Shippers which rely on the provincially-owned railway are reluctant to commit themselves to firm delivery dates, he said.

"The B.C. Railway has been so unreliable in recent years that there has been considerable reluctance on the part of U.S. purchasers to buy from any mill served by the railway."

Lanskill said there is also concern in the U.S. about the seeming hostility toward business and erratic behavior of some governments in Canada.

Desjarlais Appeal Extended

VANCOUVER (CP) — The B.C. court of appeal has given Paul Joseph Desjarlais an extension of time to appeal an eight-year sentence imposed on him by a Fort Nelson judge in 1972.

The time for appeal of the term imposed for 12 convictions ranging from breaking and entering to possession of a sawed-off shotgun expired some time ago.

The court of appeal granted the extension Monday on the grounds it should be determined whether the Fort Nelson sentence was appropriate.

The case developed when a second judge was sentencing the man for three confining charges, one of which arose from an escape in 1973 from William Head prison.

Desjarlais told the second judge he escaped from the prison because of bitterness and a feeling of being cheated. He explained that he pleaded guilty in the 1972 case because an RCMP corporal told him that if he did so he would speak to the judge and arrange for a light sentence.

The provincial court judge urged him to launch the appeal.



SEEING ISN'T BELIEVING the highways department hasn't really gone into the fishing supplies business on the Loughheed Highway near Port Coquitlam where they are improving the road. But it does look like a fast way to get a dew worm supply.

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Hat Creek Coal to Be Tested

VANCOUVER (CP) — British Columbia Hydro said Monday it will mine 6,000 tons of coal from its Hat Creek property in northeast B.C. this summer for test burning in Alberta.

The test burning is part of a multi-million-dollar research program to decide whether to proceed with a surface mine and 2,000-megawatt coal-fired thermal power plant in the region.

The coal will be mined from two large trenches during a three-week period and moved by truck and train to Alberta Power Ltd.'s Forestburg plant near Edmonton.

If the Hat Creek project does not proceed, Hydro said it will fill in the test trenches and will recondition the surface.

Doukhobors Guilty

NEW WESTMINSTER (CP) — Twenty-seven Sons of Freedom Doukhobors were convicted Monday of conspiracy to commit arson Jan. 9 at the Passmore community hall in Nelson.

All those convicted were given two-year suspended sentences. Of the 29 originally charged, two were given stays of proceedings when illness prevented them from finishing the trial.

The 29 were arrested by RCMP who stalked out the community hall, which was the site for lectures on Doukhobor history by another Doukhobor group.

The Doukhobors remained clothed during Monday's appearance in deference to the wishes of Judge Patricia Proudfoot.

Welfare Fraud

VANCOUVER (CP) — Michael Kozak, 50, was charged Monday with defrauding the Vancouver Resources Board of \$1,610. The charge arose out of collection of welfare payments between Aug. 8, 1975, and Oct. 31, 1976.

Evidence Lacking

VANCOUVER (CP) — Robert Leslie Armstrong, 34, and Peter Louis Day, 39, were discharged in provincial court Monday of an attempted murder charge. Judge Harvey Sedgwick ruled there was insufficient evidence to put the

pair on trial for the stabbing of Ronald Spence, 39, in an east end cafe last November.

Spence recovered from knife wounds to the chest, stomach and back.

Drugs-Only Coverage Favored

BURNABY (CP) — Representatives of senior citizens' and assorted groups of the handicapped favor an extension of Pharmacare assistance to the chronically ill, Human Resources Minister Bill Vander Zalm said following a closed meeting with the groups Monday.

Vander Zalm said the plan most favored is one that would continue Pharmacare as it is but would limit coverage to drugs requiring a doctor's prescription and would extend assistance to the chronically ill.

"Everybody agreed it was foolishly expensive to include such relatively inexpensive over-the-counter items as aspirin, hand cream, cough syrup and laxatives," said the minister.

He said there have been cases where a \$2.50 bottle of non-prescription laxative has had its price, and hence its cost to taxpayers, increased to more than \$11 by putting it into the physician-Pharmacare system.

Tom Alsbury, a senior citizens' spokesman, said, the plan put forward Monday seemed the best of alternatives although he would like to see pensioners provided with all their medical needs without charge.

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Grizzly Valley pipeline inquiry adjourned Monday to April 25 to await completion of a study of stock trading in two oil and gas companies with gas reserves to be linked up by the \$100 million pipeline project in northeast British Columbia.

The inquiry, under Mr. Justice Walter Kirke Smith, was called Jan. 11 to investigate charges that stock speculators benefitted from confidential information about the development before it was officially announced by the government Dec. 10, 1976.

Commission counsel Ernest Alexander said Monday the "monumental task" of listing all transactions in Cheyenne Petroleum Ltd. and Quasar Petroleum Ltd., the two firms involved, is almost complete.

"Whether it will produce any results I have not the foggiest idea," said Alexander, adding that commission staff now are checking the names of stock traders against the employee lists of some government departments.

Alexander said the investigation covers share transactions at both the Vancouver and Toronto exchanges be-

Grizzly Pipe Inquiry Awaits Share Study

fore the government announcement.

Cheyenne president Barry Hemsworth returned to the stand briefly Monday to outline the background to shareholder complaints about a Cheyenne transaction in October which increased his control of the firm to 20 per cent from 6.6 per cent.

Hemsworth said the three complaints received by the Vancouver Stock Exchange were from individuals who had an interest in acquiring control of Cheyenne themselves.

A fourth complaint came from a former company director who wanted to be involved in the deal, he said, and a fifth protest came from a small shareholder who had not heard of the transaction because he moved and his notification was not forwarded.

Hemsworth said those five protests were the only complaints he knew of about the deal from the company's 6,000 to 8,000 shareholders.

Robert Scott, president of the Vancouver Stock Exchange, testified it was common practice for the exchange to allow company directors to increase their

control of a company by issuing escrow shares.

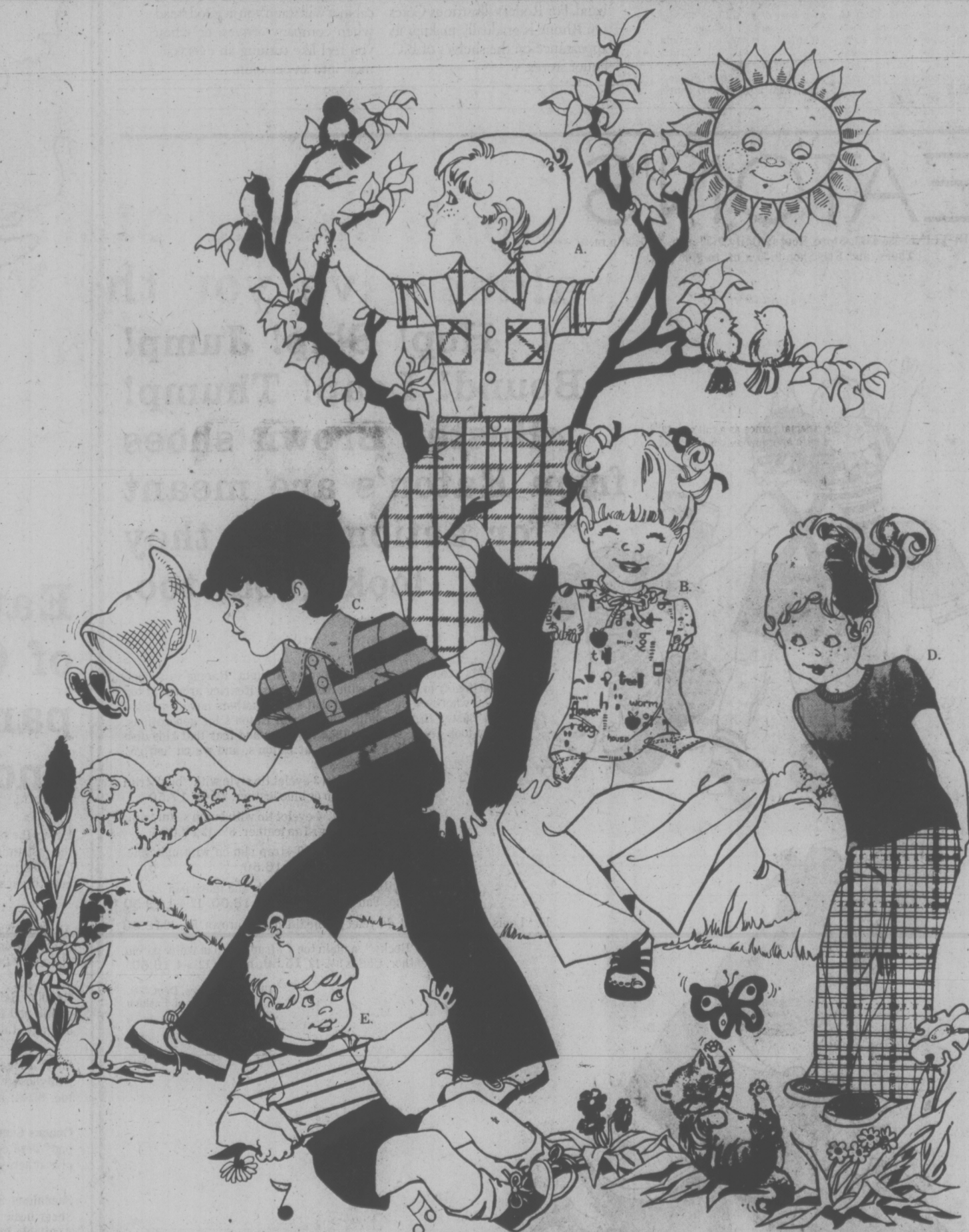
Hemsworth increased his control by receiving escrow shares, shares which cannot be sold without exchange approval, for his role in a deal in which Cheyenne bought interests in natural gas properties in Alberta.

Scott said the exchange approved the Cheyenne deal on the understanding that shareholders would have a chance to vote on the matter at a general meeting. Cheyenne has not held the meeting and Hemsworth maintained earlier that one is not necessary.

Nuclear Appeal

UNITED NATIONS

(Reuter) — Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim called for an end Monday to nuclear weapons production and the scrapping of existing stocks as the only way to head off nuclear holocaust. Waldheim issued his appeal in opening the first meeting of a 54-country committee which is to prepare for a special session of the UN General Assembly on disarmament next year.



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Tug a 'Sitting Duck' For Gunnery Practice

By PAT DUFOR
Times Staff

Getting shot at by their friends is all part of the day's routine for the crew of the navy's tug, St. Anthony.

She returned from Hawaiian waters last week after acting as "work maid" for the international naval exercise Rimpac 77 which involved 40 ships from Canada, the United States, Australia and New Zealand.

While the other Esquimalt naval vessels in the exercise took their bows in a sailpast off Victoria, the sturdy 150-foot tug lay inconspicuously tied up in the dockyard of CFB Esquimalt.

Her master, Capt. Mike Dyer, and chief mate Alec Reid, said one of St. Anthony's main tasks in the exercise was to act as a "sitting duck" for the gunnery officers to test their skills.

This meant towing a target—a 40-foot fiberglass catamaran filled with styrofoam and equipped with radar—2,500 feet behind them.

How does it feel to be continuously in the line of sight of naval guns?

"I have the utmost faith in them (the gunners)," Dyer said with a jocular shrug, but admitted there was one time when he and his crew were jolted.

That was when the New Zealand ships took their turn.

"The New Zealanders started to shoot ahead of us, which is never done by Canadians," Dyer said. "There were all these splashes a couple of miles ahead and we wondered what the hell was going on. That's what they intended to do... but we didn't know it."

What was the reaction on St. Anthony?

Dyer and Reid looked at each other and Reid said, "It would be unprintable."

Dyer and Reid agreed being a sitting duck was easy, however, compared to the stormy trip they had from Cape Flattery to San Francisco.

In their way down the St. Anthony was asked to go to the rescue of a large Korean fishing vessel whose engine had broken down. The Korean ship was in danger of drifting on to the treacherous bar of the Columbia River near Portland.

The St. Anthony rolled and pitched through rough seas for six to seven hours en route to the stricken vessel.

"She rolls pretty violently," Dyer said. "We have seat belts in the bunks... and we need them."

Dyer said he'd thought at the time the U.S. Coast Guard had asked them for help they were the only people "mad enough to be out there in that stuff."

When they arrived at the scene, however, "the radar looked like measles, there were quite a few (boats) in the area."

The mission had a happy ending after the Korean ship regained power.



—John McKay photo
Capt. Mike Dyer is back intact.

New Office Building Rejected by Saanich

A strong delegation of residents Monday night convinced a Saanich public hearing a two-storey office building on the northeast corner of Donnelly and Shelbourne would cause nothing but problems.

They told the hearing, attended by 100 taxpayers, that Donnelly is only 24 feet wide and the access for the proposed building would all be on the narrow street.

They said the bank in the building would generate parking problems because the plans allowed only 29 parking stalls for the entire building.

Council agreed and rejected the proposal unanimously.

The second most contentious issue was council's own proposal to downgrade a Gorge district area generally bounded by Obed Avenue, Tillicum Road, Gorge Road and Harriet Road from apartments to single-family zoning.

The rezoning, approved unanimously, will remain in effect until municipal services are improved and can handle multi-unit development.

Several property owners, anxious to build apartments, opposed the move.

Some like Cuyler Shanks asked that their property be exempted.

Municipal planner Gil Laurensen said municipal solicitor Doug Patterson had cautioned that making exceptions would be discriminatory and illegal.

Assistant municipal engineer George Gunn said it will cost "close to \$12 million" to upgrade roads and provide all the services needed for apartment development.

The third prickly situation occurred at the end of the three-hour session when members of the newly-elected executive of the Cadboro Bay Ratepayers Association tried to get a proposal, approved by the former executive, delayed for a month.

The proposal to build a branch of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce on the northeast corner of Cadboro Bay Road and Penrhyn Street had been approved by the ousted executive, former executive member Walter Barrs told council.

But aldermen approved the rezoning over the objection of Ald. John Mika.

"This particular lot is a key

lot to that particular block," Mika said.

He asked the matter be tabled until all Cadboro Bay ratepayers, as well as those belonging to the association, could be shown the community plan for their area.

Laurensen said the community plan will probably get public airing in Cadboro Bay at the end of the year.

Moving approval, Ald. David Paterson said of Mika's stand: "What he is implying is let's stop the clock until we talk to everyone in Saanich."

Mayor Ed Lum and Ald. Sandy Noel both noted that there appeared to be little opposition to the new bank; otherwise residents would have turned out to the hearing.

Council approved developer Patrick Cornish's proposal to subdivide into 43 single-family lots a 10-acre site on the north side of Lucas Avenue. The average lot will be 7,500 square feet. Others will range from 7,200 square feet to 10,000 square feet.

Council also approved the request of Brady's Fish and Chip Shop to extend its parking lot on 50 feet in the rear of their shop. The lot is at 3209 Albion Road.



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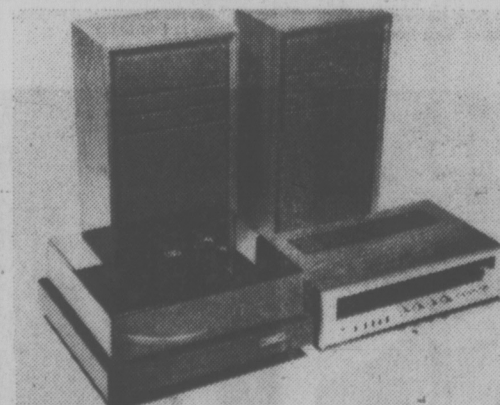
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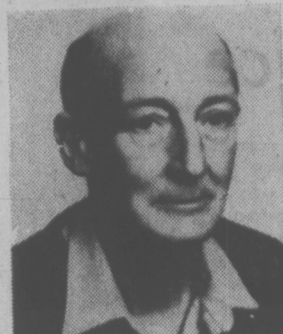
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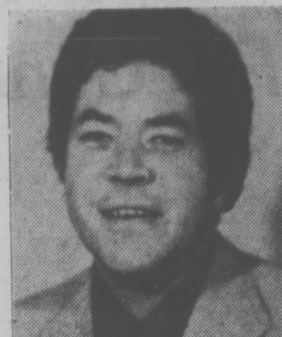
Wednesday is your opportunity to meet some of British Columbia's finest authors. It's the first time so many creative people have been together for such an event in Victoria. Learn how your favorite B.C. writers first tackled a writing career, and how they choose their topics. Find out what their latest books are. And get your own personally autographed copy. Eaton's invites you to visit the authors Wednesday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in our book department on the lower main floor.



Ted Ashlee — was born in Vancouver. He has wandered around the world during his career as merchant seaman, commercial fisherman and newspaper reporter. He is the publisher of 6 books for young readers. He will feature his latest book: "Gabby, Ernie and Me, A Vancouver Boyhood."



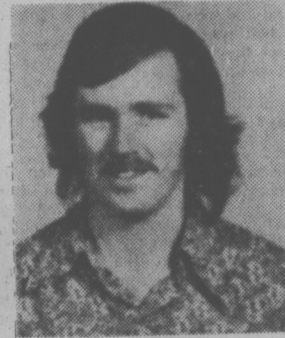
T. W. Paterson — has been a writer since he was 17, and has sold almost 1,000 magazine and newspaper articles as well as nine books. Virtually all of his writings deal with Canadian history. He will feature his latest book "Shipwrecks of British Columbia."



Ed Gould — is the author of five books. He has had vast experience as a journalist and writer in Western Canada. He will feature his latest books, "The Lighthouse Philosopher", the adventures of Bill Scott and "Logging" and "Oil."



R. Bruce Scott — He has advocated the development of a park in the Bamfield area and was partly responsible for the creation of the Pacific Rim National Park. Featured will be his three books: "Breakers Ahead," "Barkley Sound" and "People of the Southwest Coast."



Tim Perris — has written a book for all the cyclists on Vancouver Island and in the Fraser Valley. In his book he combines bicycle tours from 3.4 miles to 50.3 miles. "More Exploring by Bicycle" is his first book.



John G. Trelawny — co-authored the Lewis J. Clark book on "Wild Flowers of the Pacific Northwest." It contains over 600 illustrated pages and 660 superb color plates on nearly 900 species of flowering plants in the Pacific Northwest.



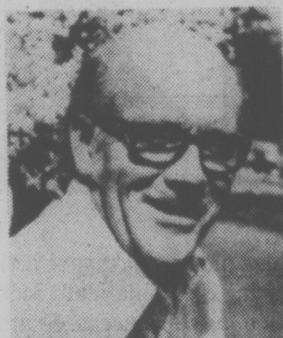
Robert D. Turner — is a native Victorian and curator in the Modern History Division of B.C.'s Provincial Museum. Featured will be his first book "Vancouver Island Railroads" and his most recently published book, "The Pacific Princesses."



Jan Gould — has used photographs, diaries and letters, most of which have never been published before, in her book, "Women of British Columbia." It recounts the stories of those strong vibrant women of all races and creeds who shared in taming the mighty land west of the Rockies.



Betty E. M. Jacobs — has amassed information for over 20 years on her current books on herbs, "Growing Herbs for the Kitchen" and "Growing Herbs for Profit" offer information for both the balcony and country estate grower.



Ken Pattison — revised and edited "Milestones on Vancouver Island." It gives you a concise guide to historical and present-day attractions along Vancouver Island roads and highways. Each milestone of any importance is identified.



W. D. Valgardson — centred his first book on the Prairies, "Bloodflowers" contains ten short fiction stories. He won the President's medal for the best short fiction published in Canada. Featured is his latest short story collection: "God is not a Fish Inspector."



Derek Pethick — is a native of Victoria. He has written poetry, plays, book reviews and documentaries for the CBC. Many of his books will be featured, including "First Approaches to the Northwest Coast."



Ursula Jupp — is a well-known Victoria writer. Her first book, "Home Port: Victoria," relates true stories told by men who sailed from the port of Victoria over 50 years ago. "Deep Sea Stories" and "From Cordwood to Campus" will also be featured.



R. M. Patterson — is the author of two best-seller paperbacks. "The Dangerous River" is a tale of northern trails by land and water. "Par Pastures" is a lively series of word pictures on Canada's West from horse to helicopter.



Bill Wolferstan — has combined his love of cruising the Gulf Islands with his profession as a geographer and resource management researcher. His book covers the navigational problems from Sooke to Courtenay.



Mr. and Mrs. Alec Merriman — feature their books: "How to Catch Steelhead," "Salmon Fishing with the Experts" and "Logging Road Travel." Mr. Merriman is also an outdoors editor for the Daily Colonist, covering all fishing, hunting, camping, hiking and general outdoor activities.



Mrs. D. Abraham — wrote "Lone One." It tells of life in the backwoods of Vancouver Island. Also featured will be her recent story of Victoria, "Romantic Vancouver Island."



Bruce Hutchison — has written a number of books including his latest, "The Far Side of the Street." As the title suggests, memories and reflections are told from the viewpoint of an impartial spectator. (Photo by Karsh.)

Wendy Bender — lives by the Straits of Juan de Fuca on Vancouver Island. She's a nature lover and her books portray it. "Earth Market," a cookbook full of recipes for the simple life, and "Earth Market," eating out of your garden 12 months a year, will both be featured.

Kate Brighty Colley — gives an authentic and vivid picture of district nursing in Alberta in her book "White Rivers Flow." Mrs. Colley pioneered the nursing service now called "medicare."

POLL SHOWS B.C. WANTS QUE. IN

By DON VIPOND
Times Staff

The vast majority of people in British Columbia don't want Quebec to break away from the rest of Canada, according to the latest public opinion poll by Uvic sociologist Dan Koenig.

But if Quebec does separate, the survey shows more than half of those polled think it will lead to the virtual breakup of Canada, with other provinces following Quebec and some joining the United States.

Koenig's survey, based on 700 replies from a random sample of federal voters across the province, shows there is hardly any support for separation of B.C. from the rest of Canada. Fewer than 2 per cent favor it.

Almost 12 per cent of those answering the mailed questionnaire said they would like to see Quebec withdraw from Confederation. The rest wanted to see Quebec stay part of Canada, including 11 per cent who favor force if necessary to keep her there.

However, 37 per cent thought Quebec had a right to separate if the majority of her people wanted to, while 58 per cent did not think Quebec had such a right and 5 per cent were undecided.

If Quebec does withdraw from Confederation, 38 per cent think it would have little impact on the rest of Canada. But 57 per cent thought other provinces would also withdraw and 28 per cent thought some provinces would end up joining the U.S.

Surrey Tourist Stabbed

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — A tourist from Canada was stabbed and severely injured by a purse-snatcher Monday while on a guided tour of Tijuana with her husband and three children, authorities said today.

The spinal cord of Norma Mason, 37, of Surrey was severed.

She was taken to Bay General Hospital in nearby Chula Vista, Calif., where she was reported paralysed from the chest down.

Her assailant escaped.

At the time of the attack, Mrs. Mason was waiting a few hundred feet south of the U.S.-Mexico border to be met by Mexican tour buses. In the group with her were her children, mother and husband, Gordon, and other tourists.

Mrs. Mason was looking at goods at a stand when the mid-afternoon attack occurred.

'DELAYED REACTION' TO AIB City Food Jumps 6.4%

By AL FORREST
Times Staff

Victoria food costs have risen a stunning 6.4 per cent this month as supermarkets have increased the price of almost everything.

Main villains were beef and coffee, but prices were also higher for tuna, peanut butter, hot chocolate, paper towels, tomato soup, corn flakes and many other items.

The Times monthly grocery

order came to \$109.85, up \$8.60 from \$103.25 for the same products in February.

Safeway spokesman Marilyn Chivers said the increases were a delayed reaction to artificially low prices in 1976.

"Costs continued to climb during the period of Anti-Inflation Board restrictions and now we are feeling the effects," she said.

The AIB controls were relaxed as of Jan. 1, removing controls from specific items

but continuing to restrain total revenue.

During the past two weeks the wholesale price for a beef carcass has soared 10 cents per pound, creating a wide range of price increases at the retail level.

For example, the Times shopping survey showed sirloin selling at \$2.39 per pound, up 20 cents from \$2.19 at the same time in February.

Other cuts of beef are also up a similar amount.

Coffee prices soared during

the month. A six-ounce jar of instant coffee now sells at \$3.89, up 70 cents from \$3.19 one month ago.

Switching to hot chocolate is no help. The squeeze by an African cocoa cartel is beginning to be felt in North America.

The two-pound tin of hot chocolate that sold for \$1.99 in February is now at \$2.19 and apparently rising.

Tuna was another shocker. The seven-ounce tin now

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NEWS BRIEFS

93,466 Jobs Begging

OTTAWA (CP) — In the continuing Commons argument over Statistics Canada's unemployment figures, Manpower Minister Bud Cullen told the Commons Monday that there are 93,466 jobs available in Canada. See story on page 32.

Grizzly Adjourned

VANCOUVER (CP) — The inquiry into the \$100 million Grizzly Valley pipeline had been adjourned to April 25 to await completion of a study of stock trading in two oil and gas companies whose gas reserves are to be linked by the project. See story on page 34.

Discharges Boosted

WASHINGTON (WP) — On orders of President Carter, the U.S. defence department will consider upgrading undesirable and general discharges for more than 430,000 Vietnam-era servicemen. This includes discharges given for desertion — but not from a combat zone — drug abuse and other causes. See story on page 7.

\$1,250 for Bite

CALGARY (CP) — A 17-year-old city man was fined \$1,250 after being found guilty in provincial court for biting the hand of a city policeman. Darwin Johnson was ordered to pay the money to Constable C. F. Konkin for biting the policeman's right thumb during an arrest last April.

Bouncing Cheques to ICBC Total More Than \$1 Million

By LIZ HUGHES
Times Staff

The Insurance Corporation of B.C. has been plagued with more than \$1 million in rubber cheque since it was set up in 1974, ICBC general manager Norman Bortnick said today.

Bortnick, appearing before the legislature's public accounts committee, said the current insurance year has produced \$500,000 in bad cheques.

There is \$396,000 still outstanding in bad cheques from the 1975-76 insurance year, and \$180,000 left over from the corporation's first year of operation. ICBC comptroller Gordon Adair also revealed today there is about \$4 million still uncollected from the finance plan which was offered ICBC operation.

customers for the first time in the 1975-76 insurance year.

Adair said the corporation had financed about \$45 million under the plan.

Bortnick said that this year a system of checks was instituted so that a person who had not completed payment under the finance plan cannot finance premiums this year.

But, he said, it is still possible that someone who issued a bad cheque for their insurance premium last year or the year before could obtain insurance this year and could

have even paid for it with another bad cheque.

Bortnick claimed the staff of the corporation has decreased by about 120 people during the past year to reflect the reduction in the number of claims processed.

ICBC ended the first six months of its 1976-77 year with a \$25 million surplus and although the final audited figures to the end of the insurance year, Feb. 28, 1977, are not yet available, it looks as though the six-month trend has held, Bortnick said.

This does not mean there will be a cash surplus, Bortnick said, because the money will be used to finance the safe driver discount program and also to establish for the first time a rate stabilization reserve so that during a year of unusually high claims, rates would not have to be increased.

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Peter Finch Steals the Oscar Show

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A scathing satire on the television industry, a cinderella reach for the top and a Watergate detective story took most of the Oscars at the 49th Academy Awards, but Peter Finch stole the show.

Finch was posthumously honored with the best actor Oscar for his portrayal of a mad broadcaster in Network, the victim of a fatal heart attack Jan. 14 he became the first actor ever to win the award posthumously.

Faye Dunaway won the best actress award for her performance as the hard-driving Network executive who sacrificed all for success.

The Oscar for the best picture went to Rocky, which was made for a "cheap" \$1 million and featured a then-unknown leading man—Sylvester Stallone. The story of a down-and-out fighter's shot at the heavyweight title also won a director's Oscar for John Avildsen and another for best film editing.

(Drawing for the grand prizes in the Times-CJVI Academy Award contest will take place at a theatre party at the Capitol starting 2 p.m. Wednesday.)

More than 700 early bird prizes of double passes to the event have been mailed to winners. Those who have correctly picked Rocky, Peter Finch and Faye Dunaway remain eligible for the Hollywood trip or other major awards. Contestants do not

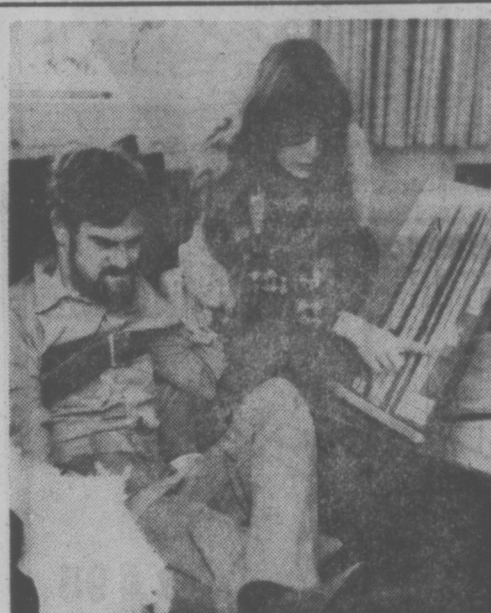
have to be present at the drawing to win.)

Unlike last year, when One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest swept all the major categories, this year's homage to the film industry to itself lacked a big winner. Network and All the President's Men, each with four statuettes, won the most. Stallone's Rocky took three Oscars.

"It was a classic case of timing, man and material," Stallone said in a backstage assessment of the film that at one time nobody wanted if he was to be part of the deal. Stallone, who wrote Rocky, conceded whatever disappointment he may have felt at losing in the best actor category.

Asked whether it was true that he wrote the film in three days, the 30-year-old actor replied: "I wrote it in two days, but I didn't want to seem like a prodigy." Snappy work for a man who'd never seen a fight until he was 29.

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COMMUNICATING through symbols, blissymbolics teacher Joan McLellan gets the lesson across to Chris.

These Students Want to Learn

By MARK HUME
Times Staff

Principal Rick Freeze sits behind an old beat-up wooden desk in the corner of the basement fiddling with three pieces of cardboard and a thumbtack, from which he plans to make a clock.

He looks up and in a glance takes in the whole of his one-room school, the eight students, half of them in wheel-chairs, the five teachers, the bare cement floor and the yellow lunch box propping open the door to let in a little spring air.



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Unless donors wish to be anonymous, the Times will publish a list of donations later.

It's not much, but it's better than nothing, and that's what this school's replacing — nothing.

It's a school for adult handicapped, and before it opened, here in the basement of St. Luke's church on Cedar Hill Cross Road, they had nowhere to turn if they wanted to pursue an education.

"They have nowhere else to go," says Freeze of his students. "This is it."

Trish, a bright young woman who may one day go on to Camosun College, looks up from her books for a moment.

"I like it here," she says. "Before, I used to stay home and was bored."

Wouldn't she rather be out in the spring sunshine? No, she replies, she'd rather be learning.

"They're a most appreciative group of people," says teacher Helen Fowler. "They enjoy learning so much."

Freeze finishes his cardboard clock and gives it to Abe, a middle-aged man who's grappling with basic math.

"The school board is lost with what to do about people like these," says Freeze, "and they're lost with the school system."

He explains that some of the students are on academic courses while others are simply being taught how to communicate with another person.

Abe, for instance, is learning how to get simple sums, so that one day he'll be able to add up the change in his pocket, while across the room Valerie is struggling to make a sentence.

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Crash Probe Starts

Times News Services

NEW YORK — Critical unknowns, confusion and contradictions faced investigators Monday as they set out to reconstruct the events that led to the collision of two jumbo jets on a Canary Islands runway.

There seemed to be good prospects that the cause of the catastrophe would emerge from electronic recording devices, interviews with crew members and other survivors from the Pan American World Airways plane, and interrogation of traffic controllers.

The crash-resistant cockpit voice recorder from the Pan Am Boeing 747 was being flown to Washington for analysis. The airport tower tapes of radio conversations with the two crews have been impounded and are expected to be studied promptly by the investigation teams.

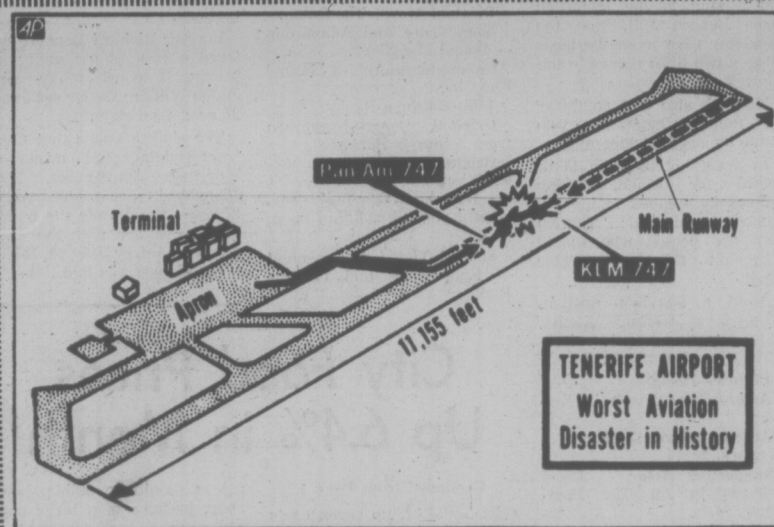
Air safety experts, attempting an estimate of what might have happened, tended to focus on three main issues to be resolved.

● Did the crew of the KLM jet have the tower's permission to take off?

● Was the Pan Am plane following proper instructions from controllers?

● Could there have been a misunderstanding in radio communications between the

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COLLISION course of Pan Am and KLM 747s is shown in diagram. The KLM was taking off at the time and the Pan Am was taxiing out for takeoff.

RESTRICTIONS STUDIED ON 'DOWNERS' IN U.S.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Dr. Peter Bourne, President Carter's special assistant on drug abuse, says the White House may propose taking all barbiturates — sedatives, known as "downers" — off the market.

"The proposal would allow doctors to prescribe them only for persons who are hospitalized, not out-patients."

"We've decided to look at whether we really need barbiturates now that there are many other drugs on the market that are much safer," Bourne said in a UPI interview Monday.

"We're going to be doing an extensive study to look at the possibility of taking barbiturates off the market on an out-patient basis."

He said the study would go into whether there are conditions under which barbiturates are "absolutely necessary," and what the economic effect would be on manufacturers.

"More persons die from barbiturates than all other drugs put together — suicides, accidental deaths of children who get them in medicine cabinets, inadvertent overdoses," Bourne said.



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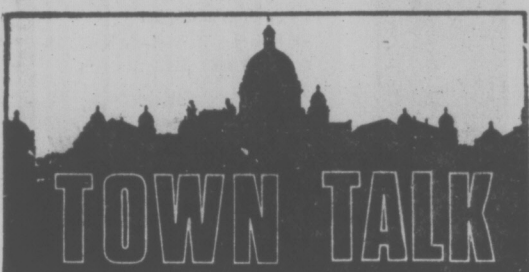
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Victoria Times SECOND FRONT PAGE



Verlene Cook in Volvo three-point belt and harness

—John McKay photo



Partial Priority At Centre

A letter from a former Lancashire lass, accompanied by a Jan. 14 clipping from the Times, found its way back to the editor's desk this week after being in Manchester and directed by the Canadian consul to 2631 Douglas, our old address next door.

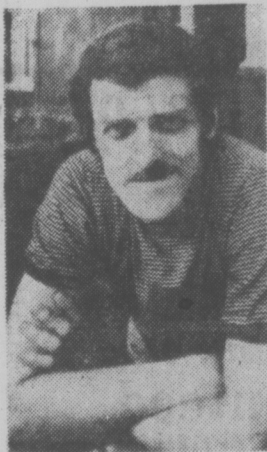
Mrs. Vera Fielden, 2563 Thompson, wrote to police in Rochdale, Greater Manchester, suggesting they might have badges they no longer needed which would augment the collection described in a Times story on Tony Price, a young man whose disability requires him to live at Queen Alexandra Hospital for Children.

Chief Inspector Frank Jones got together a parcel for Tony containing badges from a number of British police forces, but he didn't know the location of the hospital.

H. D. Moran, of the consulate in Manchester, knew not only that it is at 2400 Arbutus, but that it is better known by its former name, the Solarium. He also told Jones the clipping came from the Times, albeit with the old street number.

Tony's parcel arrived Tuesday and nursing supervisor Margaret Brown reports he was "enthralled and mystified," since there was no mention of the Times or Mrs. Fielden.

Tony spent the rest of the day polishing the badges and going over the assorted goodies, each accompanied by a typed or handwritten explanation, and including posters, buttons, lapel badges, a picture of police headquarters, a map of Greater Manchester police district, a folder for official documents and a constable's leather-bound notebook with Tony's name entered.



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Residents of Sidney and North Saanich will get priority at their new recreation centre, and perhaps a break in the price, only when it comes to organized activities such as skating classes.

For public swimming or skating, it won't matter where people live and everybody will pay the same.

That's how policy is shaping up, Robert Hope, chairman of Peninsula Recreation Commission, said today.

The priority angle produced a little flurry at Sidney council Monday night, with some aldermen indicating there shouldn't be any.

The \$1.8 million centre, under construction on East Saanich Road south of McTavish, has been named the Panorama Leisure Centre and will open about July 2. The provincial government contributed \$616,000.

Sensitivity over priority use stems from the fact Central Saanich ratemakers last year rejected a referendum which would have had them share the building cost. The centre is less than a mile from the Central Saanich boundary.

Sidney Ald. Jerry Tregaskis, also a member of the recreation commission, said today the only priority under consideration is on booking block time for groups, where local groups will be favored. Rates haven't been set yet, he said.

The Governor-General Award winning novelist (The New Ancestors) and short story writer (collected under Death Goes Better with Coca Cola) also runs Press Porcupine publishing house. (Procepic is Quebecois for porcupine or hedgehog.)

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Belt Up!

New Law Too Weak—Doctor

By AB KENT
Times Staff

For B.C. motorists, 1977 will go down as the year the seat belt law landed in their laps. And with holiday time starting, it could be the summer of getting used to buckling up along the highway.

Wearing the belts is expected to be mandatory by the fall, some 25 years after the introduction of optional seatbelts in passenger cars.

Dr. Duncan McPherson, of Vancouver, who represents the B.C. Medical Association on the B.C. Road Safety Council, says the legislation is not as tough as he'd like. The legislation requires only that motorists wear lap belts.

It will not make the wearing of shoulder straps compulsory, even though a car may be fitted with the three-point system of lap and shoulder restraint.

"I don't see why people who have older cars should be denied the benefit of the three-point system," he said, suggesting the law be written to update two-point systems into three-point restraint.

The new law would make violators subject to a maximum fine of \$100, with no provision for jail. An earlier bill set the top penalty at \$500 or imprisonment.

McPherson cites the results of a one-year study conducted by the federal government in the Vancouver area proving the effectiveness of the three-point harness.

Although only 15 per cent of motorists in the area wore seat belts, of those wearing three-point systems involved in accidents, none were killed and in every case, the extent of injury was less than in comparable accidents without both lap and shoulder restraint.

McPherson attended a meeting last month in Melbourne of the International Association of Accident and Traffic Medicine, under the auspices of the World Health Organization, where he reported the Vancouver experience.

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Melbourne, he noted, is the capital of Victoria, the first Australian state to make mandatory the wearing of seatbelts in 1970.

Motorists there have responded phenomenally, McPherson said, with 91 per cent adhering to the practice.

In two weeks of moving about Australia, he saw no one driving without a seatbelt.

"It is so customary nobody even thinks about it. They are fully aware of the benefits derived and they can't understand why we haven't got legislation."

Australian design rules specify essentially the same three-point safety belts as the ones in modern European and North American cars.

But when the law was introduced it came with an extensive educational campaign — "not a scare campaign," McPherson said — and for a period of time there were no penalties, just warnings.

The result has been a 20 per cent drop in the rate of traffic fatalities and a 37 per cent reduction in severity of injuries and expensive, long-term medical treatment.

At the Australian conference, the IAATM gave three awards for contributions to traffic safety in industry, professional bodies and government. They were won by Volvo for its automotive design including its exemplary seatbelt system, the Royal Australasian Medical Association, and the state of Victoria for pioneering seatbelt laws.

Canadians have only to look to Ontario, where mandatory belt-buckling was adopted 14 months ago. The province reports its lowest traffic death toll since 1964, part of which could be attributed to lowered speed limits.

So far in this country and the U.S. there is no unanimity



B.C.A.A.'s Mike Cole shows approved seats.

on the best kind of passenger restraining device to reduce injury caused by impact.

Seat and shoulder harness would appear to be the most satisfactory combination. However, inflatable airbags are still in the running and undergoing testing in 5,000 General Motors cars in the U.S.

Airbags were discussed at the Melbourne meeting where several U.S. motor companies were represented. McPherson said there is no scientific support for airbag protection, which so far would be applied only in front seats, would cushion only in the case of frontal collision, and work only if the system is in perfect condition.

"They're an interesting experiment, but they've really set back the development of other devices," McPherson said.

One area ignored by re-

search so far is the safety of child passengers. Those within a certain weight range are too large for approved infant harnesses and too small to be effectively protected by adult belts.

The B.C. Automobile Association notes there are no approved restraints in Canada for 30-50 pound children, even though both the U.S. and Britain have found effective harnesses for this group.

The association lists five approved seats with restraining harness suitable for babies up to 15 pounds and for youngsters to 40 pounds or about four years of age. The devices have been approved by the Canadian Standards Association, the Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and the Canadian Consumers Association.

"You wouldn't think of leaving on your holiday without first tuning up your vehicle

and checking the tires," says BCAA's Graham Edis, "Why set off without an approved child car restraint?"

Five recommended seats are:

Dorel's Trav-L-Guard model 085; Questor's Kantwet Care Seat model 985; Canadian Merchandising's modified Peterson model 74; American Safety Equipment's Swing-O-Matic and the Strolee 597S.

For adults, only approved seatbelts are marketed in Canada and it is unlawful to sell a new car without belts, the most recent models being equipped with three-point systems.

Edis points out that in the proposed B.C. legislation there is no compulsion to wear a belt where in older cars, there are none installed.

On airbags, Edis said much more research is needed and that so far both Canadian and American auto clubs are wary of them.

Airbags are triggered by an impact on the vehicle's front bumper and blow up almost instantaneously to present front seat occupants from being thrown against dashboard and windshield.

But they deflate almost as quickly, to allow the driver to see ahead and bring the car to a safe stop if possible. And the bags do not reinflate if there is a second collision.

Edis said most injuries occur with second collision or side impact, against which airbags are useless.

BCAA general manager Jack Chestnut said the American Automobile Association has done a lot of airbag investigation and concluded they are costly and unreliable.

The triggering device could inflate the bag prematurely, he said, although for a straight head-on crash the bag could work extremely well.

"From a cost-effective point of view there is nothing more effective than a proper three-point seat belt," Chestnut said.

So when motoring, practice self-restraint. It's a cinch.

Boos Greet 'Flim-Flam' On Tourism by McCarthy



McCarthy side-stepper

The president of the Parksville Tourist Association said today it's not surprising members of the organization were mad enough to boo Provincial Secretary Grace McCarthy last weekend.

"Grace McCarthy cracks jokes while we are losing our shirts," Joe North said today.

North, explaining the hostile reception given the minister last Sunday at a Parksville meeting, said it's no wonder association members are angry with Mrs. McCarthy.

"She isn't taking our plight seriously enough."

"She told us not to worry about high ferry rates. She

said we could continue to attract tourists with good motel management practices," North said.

"When we asked her about the ferry rates, she said it wasn't her department. She referred us to Jack Davis (minister of transport)."

"Her speech was all political flim-flam."

North said when the minister finished her speech, she said she wouldn't answer any questions.

"That's when we all boomed. Finally she agreed to answer a few but she side-stepped everything," he said.

"She is a good speaker but

her jokes are out of place. She doesn't seem to realize how serious this is."

In the question period, I told her I used to get regular weekenders from the Vancouver area and these were important to my business, the Englishman River Motel. Many of these people came over every two weeks because it was close to Vancouver and not very expensive."

North said on June 1 the government raised ferry rates.

"On the last weekend before the increase went into effect, I got the same story from all the weekenders. They wouldn't be back," he said.

"The only one I saw after June 1 was a fisherman. Before the ferry rate increase, the motel would be full on weekends. Since that time it has been empty."

"This year looks very bleak," North said.

"Mrs. McCarthy replied that we could recapture the tourist trade from Vancouver if we went over to the Lower Mainland and really sold Parkville."

"That is just political flim-flam. How can we afford to do that when we aren't even making enough to pay ourselves wages? That sort of talk may be all right for the Empress Hotel or the other

big companies but what can we do?"

"We know what the problem is — the ferry rates. But Mrs. McCarthy says that is not her department and mean while we shouldn't worry because all we need to do is get out and sell."

"If things don't change we are in danger of losing what we have. It is that desperate," North warned.

Developer's Letter 'Pretty Incredible'

A developer's letter urging certain James Bay residents to sell their properties for a proposed apartment block was described as "pretty incredible" by Mayor Mike Young today.

But Young told aldermen at a special council meeting he doesn't know what action can be taken to protect homeowners from pressure to sell.

Perhaps the only thing the city can do is make people aware of such tactics, he added.

The letter read out by the mayor was from John Stevens, 3310 Lochside Drive, Sidney. Young said it was delivered to some property owners in the block bounded by Rendall, Beckley, Niagara and Oswego.

It begins: "Dear Homeowner, it may be that you feel you would rather not sell your

home at this time. And you have every right to do so.

"I would just like to mention I am building an apartment on your street, and your neighbor has agreed to sell to me."

"Right now, your home is worth more than its actual value, because your property can be used as part of the project. However, if I stop the project right at your fence, no one can build an

apartment on your smaller piece of land alone."

"At that time, your house is far down in value because it is then just worth the price of an older home, at a time when houses are not selling and house prices are down."

The letter stresses that the purchase offer can never be repeated, and adds: "In addition to the nuisance of heavy construction right at your door, your home will be next to a busy apartment."

Council agreed with Young's suggestion that the letter be referred to the city's legal department for comment.

In an interview today, Stevens said he had been intending to build an apartment on the site, "but unfortunately two families decided not to sell and the project has been scrapped."

Ship Movements

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT
Vancouver on station P. Quadra en route Victoria. Douglas in Carmanah Pt. patrol area. Camself in Bayne Sound. Rider in Bonilla Pt. patrol area. Racer in Queen Charlotte Strait. Ready in Victoria patrol area.

COLWOOD GIRL RAPED

A 14-year-old girl was raped at 3 p.m. Monday by a man who grabbed her as she walked along the railroad tracks behind Belmont high school on Jacklin Road.

The tracks behind the school run through a heavily treed area, but are often used as a shortcut, Colwood RCMP said.

They have several suspects, a spokesman said.

Rollback Hits City Officials

Fourteen senior city employees who each received salary increases last year of \$2,400 — the maximum under Anti-Inflation Board rules — have had their increases rolled back by the AIB.

The amount of the rollback varies from \$12 to \$18 per month, or \$144 to \$216 on a yearly basis.

The employees affected are mostly department heads and their deputies.

In a sarcastic reference to the AIB order, an editorial in the current newsletter of the City Hall Employees Association says:

"It seems there was a slight error made in calculating the cost of some fringe benefits."

"The employers were much more diligent in calculating these fringe benefits during our recent union negotiations."

Ask The Times

Q. To settle a friendly argument — if Marlene Dietrich didn't star in "Golden Earrings" years ago, who did? E.M.F.

A. For the answer we went to — who else? — film nut and trivia king Bruce Lowther, formerly of the Colo-

nist and now with Channel 10. He confirms that the star was indeed Miss Dietrich of the sultry voice, whose co-star in the 1947 movie was Ray Milland. And one of the hit recordings of the film was performed by Nat King Cole.

Q. Could you please tell

me where I could get the address in England for a genealogical history of my ancestors born in Staffordshire and Derbyshire? G.B.

A. You should write to the Royal Society of Genealogists. The address is 37 Harrington Gardens, London, S.W. 7 4JX.

POLL SHOWS B.C. WANTS QUE. IN

By DON VIFOND
Times Staff

The vast majority of people in British Columbia don't want Quebec to break away from the rest of Canada, according to the latest public opinion poll by Uvic sociologist Dan Koenig.

But if Quebec does separate, the survey shows more than half of those polled think it will lead to the virtual breakup of Canada, with other provinces following Quebec and some joining the United States.

Koenig's survey, based on 700 replies from a random sample of federal voters across the province, shows there is hardly any support for separation of B.C. from the rest of Canada. Fewer than 2 per cent favor it.

Almost 12 per cent of those answering the mailed questionnaire said they would like to see Quebec withdraw from Confederation. The rest wanted to see Quebec stay part of Canada, including 11 per cent who favor force if necessary to keep her there.

However, 37 per cent thought Quebec had a right to separate if the majority of her people wanted to, while 58 per cent did not think Quebec had such a right and 5 per cent were undecided.

If Quebec does withdraw from Confederation, 38 per cent think it would have little impact on the rest of Canada. But 57 per cent thought other provinces would also withdraw and 28 per cent thought some provinces would end up joining the U.S.

Surrey Tourist Stabbed

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — A tourist from Canada was stabbed and severely injured by a purse-snatcher Monday while on a guided tour of Tijuana with her husband and three children, authorities said today.

The spinal cord of Norma Mason, 37, of Surrey was severed.

She was taken to Bay General Hospital in nearby Chula Vista, Calif., where she was reported paralysed from the chest down.

Her assailant escaped.

At the time of the attack, Mrs. Mason was waiting a few hundred feet south of the U.S.-Mexico border to be met by Mexican tour buses. In the group with her were her children, mother and husband, Gordon, and other tourists.

Mrs. Mason was looking at goods at a stand when the mid-afternoon attack occurred.

'DELAYED REACTION' TO AIB City Food Jumps 6.4%

By AL FORREST
Times Staff

Victoria food costs have risen a stunning 6.4 per cent this month as supermarkets have increased the price of almost everything.

Main villains were beef and coffee, but prices were also higher for tuna, peanut butter, hot chocolate, paper towels, tomato soup, corn flakes and many other items.

The Times monthly grocery

order came to \$109.85, up \$6.60 from \$103.25 for the same products in February.

Safeway spokesman Marilyn Chilvers said the increases were a delayed reaction to artificially low prices in 1976.

"Costs continued to climb during the period of Anti-Inflation Board restrictions and now we are feeling the effects," she said.

The AIB controls were relaxed as of Jan. 1, removing controls from specific items

but continuing to restrain total revenue.

During the past two weeks the wholesale price for a beef carcass has soared 10 cents per pound, creating a wide range of price increases at the retail level.

For example, the Times shopping survey showed sirloin selling at \$2.39 per pound, up 20 cents from \$2.19 at the same time in February.

Other cuts of beef are also up a similar amount.

Coffee prices soared during

the month. A six-ounce jar of instant coffee now sells at \$3.89, up 70 cents from \$3.19 one month ago.

Switching to hot chocolate is no help. The squeeze by an African cocoa cartel is beginning to be felt in North America.

The two-pound tin of hot chocolate that sold for \$1.59 in February is now at \$2.19 and apparently rising.

Tuna was another shocker.

The seven-ounce tin now

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NEWS BRIEFS

93,466 Jobs Begging

OTTAWA (CP) — In the continuing Commons argument over Statistics Canada unemployment figures, Manpower Minister Bud Cullen told the Commons Monday that there are 93,466 jobs available in Canada. See story on page 32.

Grizzly Adjourned

VANCOUVER (CP) — The inquiry into the \$169 million Grizzly Valley pipeline has been adjourned to April 25 to await completion of a study of stock trading in two oil and gas companies whose gas reserves are to be linked by the project. See story on page 24.

Discharges Boosted

WASHINGTON (UPI) — On orders of President Carter, the U.S. defence department will consider upgrading undesirable and general discharges for more than 430,000 Vietnam-era servicemen. This includes discharges given for desertion — but not from a combat zone — drug abuse and other causes. See story on page 7.

\$1,250 for Bite

CALGARY (CP) — A 17-year-old city man was fined \$1,250 after being found guilty in provincial court for biting the hand of a city policeman. Darwin Johsgaard was ordered to pay the money to Constable C. F. Konkin for biting the policeman's right thumb during an arrest last April.

Bouncing Cheques to ICBC Total More Than \$1 Million

By LIZ HUGHES
Times Staff

The Insurance Corporation of B.C. has been plagued with more than \$1 million in rubber cheque since it was set up in 1974, ICBC general manager Norman Bortnick said today.

Bortnick, appearing before the legislature's public accounts committee, said the current insurance year has produced \$500,000 in bad cheques.

There is \$396,000 still outstanding in bad cheques from the 1975-76 insurance year, and \$180,000 left over from the corporation's first year of operation.

ICBC comptroller Gordon Adair also revealed today there is about \$4 million still uncollected from the finance plan which was offered ICBC

customers for the first time in the 1975-76 insurance year.

Adair said the corporation had financed about \$45 million under the plan.

Bortnick said that this year a system of checks was instituted so that a person who had not completed payment under the finance plan cannot finance premiums this year.

But, he said, it is still possible that someone who issued a bad cheque for their insurance premium last year or the year before could obtain insurance this year and could

have even paid for it with another bad cheque.

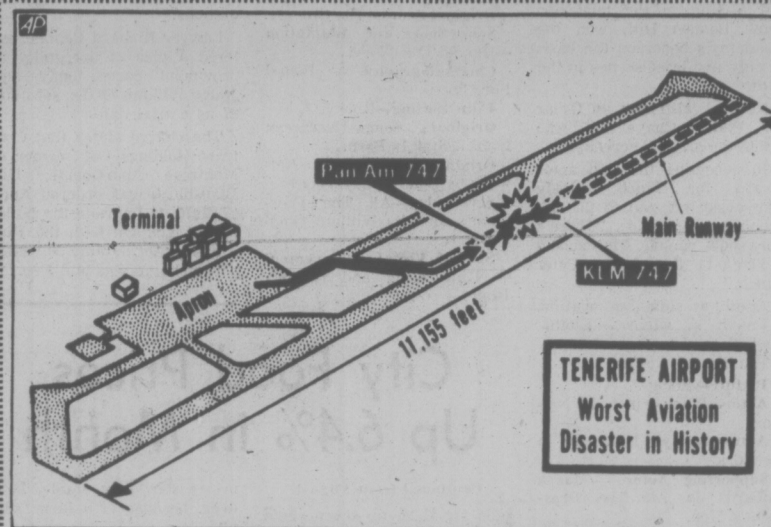
Bortnick claimed the staff of the corporation has decreased by about 120 people during the past year to reflect the reduction in the number of claims processed.

ICBC ended the first six months of its 1976-77 year with a \$25 million surplus and although the final audited figures to the end of the insurance year, Feb. 28, 1977, are not yet available, it looks as though the six-month trend has held, Bortnick said.

This does not mean there will be a cash surplus, Bortnick said, because the money will be used to finance the safe driver discount program and also to establish for the first time a rate stabilization reserve so that during a year of unusually high claims, rates would not have to be increased.

WEATHER

Tonight: Clear
Wednesday: Sun



COLLISION course of Pan Am and KLM 747s is shown in diagram. The KLM was taking off at the time and the Pan Am was taxiing out for takeoff.

This Man's Crazy

SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE, Spain (UPI) — The KLM jumbo jet that ripped through a Pan American 747 in the Canary Islands and killed 373 persons had no permission to take off, Spanish and Dutch officials said today.

The chief Dutch investigator said the captain of the KLM plane only got "flight clearance" for his plane and failed to ask for "takeoff clearance" before starting a takeoff run to the worst disaster in aviation history.

"We are still on the runway," the Pan American pilot shouted over his radio as he saw the KLM jumbo barreling down on his jam-packed 747 jumbo jet.

His warning was too late to stop the 400-ton Dutch jet, rushing down the runway at 186 miles per hour.

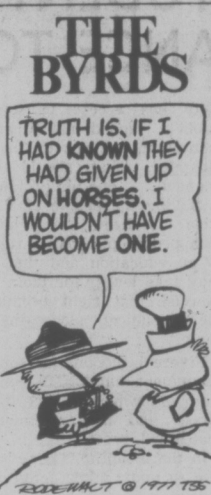
The latest casualty figures said at least 575 persons died. Only 68 survived.

"Nobody knows how the KLM captain could make such a stupid mistake," an air traffic controller on duty during the crash Sunday told the Toronto Star in a telephone interview.

The Madrid newspaper Pueblo said the tapes showed Pan American Capt. Victor Grubbs yelled, "This man is crazy! What's he doing? He'll kill us all!"

As the officials reported the

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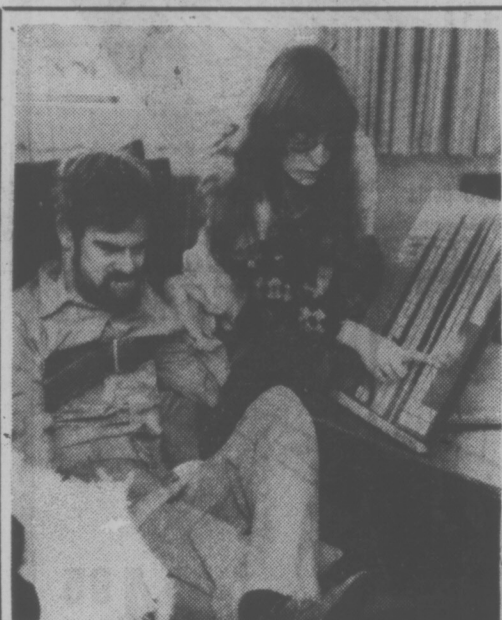
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The income tax cuts were designed to encourage unions to agree to a third year of wage restraint starting next August.

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COMMUNICATING through symbols, blissymbols teacher Joan McLellan gets the lesson across to Chris.

These Students Want to Learn

By MARK HUME
Times Staff

Principal Rick Freeze sits behind an old beat-up wooden desk in the corner of the basement fiddling with three pieces of cardboard and a thumbtack, from which he plans to make a clock.

He looks up and in a glance takes in the whole of his one-room school, the eight students, half of them in wheel-chairs, the five teachers, the bare cement floor and the yellow lunch box propping open the door to let in a little spring air.



How You Donate

To make your donation to this worthwhile cause:

Make cheques or money orders payable to the Handicapped Recreation Society, and mail to the Victoria Times, 2621 Douglas Street, P.O. Box 300, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2N4.

Donations placed in an envelope addressed to the Handicapped Recreation Society may also be left at the counter of the main floor office at Victoria Press building, 2621 Douglas.

A receipt will be given if requested and accompanied by a name and address. The society has applied for a tax registration number.

Unless donors wish to be anonymous, the Times will publish a list of donations later.

It's not much, but it's better than nothing, and that's what this school's replacing — nothing.

It's a school for adult handicapped, and before it opened, here in the basement of St. Luke's church on Cedar Hill Cross Road, they had nowhere to turn if they wanted to pursue an education.

"They have nowhere else to go," says Freeze of his students. "This is it."

Trish, a bright young woman who may one day go on to Camosun College, looks up from her books for a moment.

"I like it here," she says. "Before, I used to stay home and was bored."

Wouldn't she rather be out in the spring sunshine?

No, she replies, she'd rather be learning. "They're a most appreciative group of people," says teacher Helen Fowler. "They enjoy learning so much."

Freeze finishes his cardboard clock and gives it to Abe, a middle-aged man who's grappling with basic math.

"The school board is lost with what to do about people like these," says Freeze, "and they're lost with the school system."

He explains that some of the students are on academic courses while others are simply being taught how to communicate with another person.

Abe, for instance, is learning how to get simple sums, so that one day he'll be able to add up the change in his pocket, while across the room Valerie is struggling to make a sentence.

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Peter Finch Steals the Oscar Show

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A scathing satire on the television industry, a cinderella reach for the top and a Watergate detective story took most of the Oscars at the 49th Academy Awards, but Peter Finch stole the show.

Finch was posthumously honored with the best actor Oscar for his portrayal of a mad broadcaster in Network. The victim of a fatal heart attack Jan. 14 he became the first actor ever to win the award posthumously.

Faye Dunaway won the best actress award for her performance as the hard-driving Network executive who sacrificed all for success.

The Oscar for the best picture went to Rocky, which was made for a "cheap" \$1 million and featured a then-unknown leading man—Sylvester Stallone. The story of a down-and-out fighter's shot at the heavyweight title also won a director's Oscar for John Avildsen and another for best film editing.

(Drawing for the grand prizes in the Times-CJVI Academy Award contest will take place at a theatre party at the Capitol starting 2 p.m. Wednesday.)

More than 700 early bird prizes of double passes to the event have been mailed to winners. Those who have correctly picked Rocky, Peter Finch and Faye Dunaway remain eligible for the Hollywood trip or other major awards. Contestants do not

have to be present at the drawing to win.

Unlike last year, when One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest swept all the major categories, this year's homage by the film industry to itself lacked a big winner. Network and All the President's Men, each with four statues, won the most. Stallone's Rocky took three Oscars.

"It was a classic case of timing, man and material," Stallone said in a backstage assessment of the film that at

one time nobody wanted if he was to be part of the deal. Stallone, who wrote Rocky, concealed whatever disappointment he may have felt at losing in the best actor category.

Asked whether it was true that he wrote the film in three days, the 30-year-old actor replied: "I wrote it in two days, but I didn't want to seem like a prodigy." Snappy work for a man who'd never seen a fight until he was 29.

Price Too Low, TVs Removed

By MARK HUME
Times Staff

Victoria businessman Stan Fischer stood and fumed Monday while two men took every Hitachi television he had in his shop and loaded them into a truck.

"What it boils down to," said Fischer in his S. F. Network Television Ltd. store on Tillicum Road, "is that they're removing my stock because I've been advertising at low prices."

Fischer said Hitachi Sales Corporation of Canada Ltd. took back all their color televisions, and other merchandise, because, by retailing them cheaply, he was undercutting his competitors and causing dissension among Hitachi's other dealers in the city.

He was selling 20-inch portables for \$539.00 instead of the suggested retail price of \$669.95.

Fischer said his 35 per cent markup on that model is less than most stores and Hitachi was pressured by other Victoria dealers to bring Network's prices into line.

"They want Hitachi sold at a higher price," he said. "I was told to 'play ball' — either go along with our prices or we will not be your dealer."

Hitachi representative Daryl Holt today denied that his company tries to dictate prices and said dealers can sell their sets for whatever they want.

"I'm not aware of anything like that, not at all," he said. "It's strictly open territory and we don't interfere."

Holt said, however, that he is not familiar with Fischer's account and could not say why the merchandise had been reclaimed.

Holt said Hitachi's Vancouver Island representative would have to explain the issue. He was not available for comment.

Fischer said he has been under pressure from Hitachi since last October. First he had re-supply problems, he said, and then company representatives started calling him, urging a price hike.

Fischer said he can afford to sell his sets for less than competing stores' because of his low overhead.

Fischer said he has brought the matter to the attention of the department of consumer and corporate affairs.

Roy Gunter-Smith, appliance manager for Standard Furniture, another Hitachi dealer, said his store has never complained about Fischer's prices, but he could see other dealers doing it.

Gunter-Smith said that when one dealer sells stock at a very low price other dealers in the area will call the manufacturer to complain they can't match the price.

When that happens, he said, the manufacturer usually puts pressure on the dealer concerned.

"You can have trouble getting re-stocked," he said.

Fatal Train Crash

OPLADEN, West Germany (Reuter) — Three persons were killed and 11 injured, three seriously, Monday when an express train and a locomotive collided at a station in this town near Cologne.

BLIZZARD WALLOPS U.S. WEST

Times News Services

A spring snowstorm, packing a near-blizzard wallop in some areas, belted the northern U.S. Rockies and plains today. Violent winds and severe thunderstorms swept through the Southeast.

Blizzard warnings were up in the Dakotas. Fourteen inches of snow replaced recent 75-degree warmth at Havre, Mont. Thirty inches of snow fell in northern Utah's mountains, making both skiers and drought-plagued farmers happy.

Heavy snow swirled across northern and central Montana and motorists and ranchers in eastern Montana were warned to expect near-blizzard conditions. Nine inches of snow fell at Great Falls, Mont. The precipitation was good news to wheat growers.

High winds uprooted dozens of trees, damaged roofs of several homes and tore down power lines at Talladega, Ala.

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results of their investigations, a U.S. Air Force flying hospital ferried 54 of the 68 survivors of the collision on an overnight flight to a burn treatment centre in Texas.

F. A. Van Rysen, head of the Dutch civil aviation authority investigating team, told a news conference the KLM pilot had been given only "flight clearance."

"He should now have asked for takeoff clearance, which he did not," Van Rysen said. The Dutch captain merely said, "We are taking off," and started the fatal takeoff

Buses Seized

NEZAHUALCOYOTL, Mexico (UPI) — Authorities in this slum suburb outside Mexico City called out the police to put down a protest by angry residents who seized more than 200 urban buses in protest of unauthorized fare increases.

This Man's Crazy, Pilot Yelled

The Pan American jet was taxiing across a stretch of the same runway at the time, on its way to a takeoff position behind the Dutch 747. Traffic controllers were delaying takeoff clearance for the KLM pilot until the American craft was clear.

In the Netherlands, KLM said in a statement: "It is unthinkable that the KLM pilot would have taken off without permission." The airline demanded confirmation of the report from the tapes in the two planes' cockpit flight recorders, which have not yet been analyzed.

"The KLM was on standby," assistant airport director Juan Linares said, meaning it should have waited at the end of the 11,155-foot runway. The Dutch jet had reached minimum takeoff speed at the time of the collision, and survivors said it had begun to lift off the ground when it slammed broadside into the crowded American craft. The

speeding plane ripped off the top of the taxiing jet's fuselage and disintegrated down the runway as both aircraft exploded in flames.

Linares told reporters he had listened to all the tapes of the exchanges between the tower and the planes, and all orders had been given clearly and "in perfect English."

Van Rysen said visibility at the time of the crash was limited to 300 yards because of a ground fog in Tenerife. He also contended the Pan American 747 had taxied farther along the runway than it had been authorized.

In another development, the Toronto Star said that Montreal's Mirabel International

Airport is rated by pilots as critically deficient and worse than Tenerife Airport, where Sunday's jumbo-jet disaster took place.

The newspaper said the

Federation of Airline Pilots Associations gives Mirabel a black-star or critically deficient rating in its most recent report evaluating airports.



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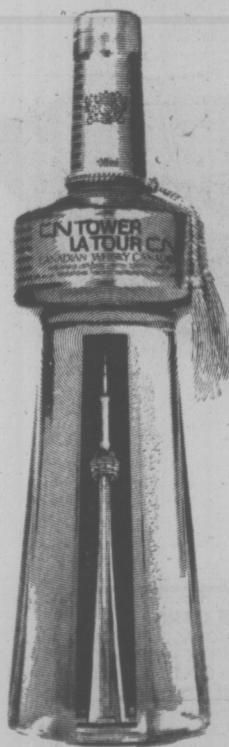
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